

## Libyan Militants In US Crosshairs

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**WASHINGTON** – The United States is laying the groundwork for operations to kill or capture militants suspected in the attack on a diplomatic mission in Libya that led to the death of the U.S. ambassador three weeks ago, senior military and counterterrorism officials said Tuesday, as the weak Libyan government appears unable to arrest or even question fighters directly implicated in the assault.

The U.S. military's top-secret Joint Special Operations Command is compiling so-called target packages of detailed information about the suspects, the officials said.

That would constitute the first step in a process that the Pentagon and Central Intelligence Agency are taking in anticipation of possible orders from President Barack Obama to carry out action against those determined to have played a role in the attack in the eastern city of Benghazi that killed Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three colleagues.

Potential military options could include drone strikes, Special Operations raids like the one that killed Osama bin Laden, and joint missions with Libyan authorities. But administration officials say no decisions have been made on any potential targets.

Spokesmen for the Defense Department and CIA declined to comment.

The preparations underscore the multiple difficulties confronting the White House over the Benghazi attack and Obama's vows to bring the killers to justice.

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In this Aug. 24, 2012 file photo, an armored U.S. embassy vehicle is checked by military personal after it was attacked on the highway leading to the city of Cuernavaca, near Tres Marias, Mexico. A senior U.S. official says there is strong circumstantial evidence that Mexican federal police who fired on the U.S. embassy vehicle, wounding two CIA agents, were working for organized crime on a targeted assassination attempt.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

## US car was targeted in Mexico ambush

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Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — A senior U.S. official says there is strong circumstantial evidence that Mexican federal police who fired on a U.S. Embassy vehicle, wounding two CIA officers, were working for organized crime in a targeted assassination attempt.

Meanwhile, a Mexican official with knowledge of the case confirmed on Tuesday

that prosecutors are investigating whether the Beltran Leyva Cartel was behind the Aug. 24 ambush. The Mexican official said that is among several lines of investigation into the shooting of an armored SUV that was clearly marked with diplomatic license plates on a rural road near Cuernavaca south of Mexico City. Federal police, at times battered by allegations of

infiltration and corruption by drug cartels, have said the shooting was a case of mistaken identity as officers were looking into the kidnapping of a government employee in that area.

"That's not a 'We're trying to shake down a couple people for a traffic violation sort of operation. That's a 'We are specifically trying to kill the people in this vehicle'," a U.S. official familiar with the investigation

told The Associated Press. "This is not a 'Whoops, we got the wrong people.' " Photos of the gray Toyota SUV, a model known to be used by Drug Enforcement Administration agents and other U.S. Embassy employees working in Mexico, showed it riddled with heavy gunfire. The U.S. Embassy called the attack an "ambush."

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# U.S. takes first steps to target suspects in Libya attack

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Obama and his advisers, who are eager to counter Republican criticism over a possible intelligence failure in Benghazi that has emerged as a presidential election campaign issue, have not indicated how the response might be carried out.

Any U.S. military action on Libyan soil would risk casualties and almost certainly trigger a popular backlash at a moment when gratitude for U.S. support in the revolution that toppled Moammar Gadhafi a year ago had opened a singular beachhead of affection for the U.S. in the region.

At the same time, the Libyan government has presented a further issue by opposing any unilateral U.S. military action in Libya to apprehend the attackers.

"We will not accept anyone entering inside Libya," Mustafa Abu Shagur, Lib-

ya's prime minister, told the Al-Jazeera television network. "That would infringe on sovereignty and we will refuse."

The Libyan government still depends on autonomous local militia to act as its police, complicating any effort to detain the most obvious suspects and leaving open the possibility that in the three weeks since the attack they might have fled the country, perhaps across the porous southern border.

"It is a kind of hypocrisy really," said Fathi Baja, a liberal former member of the Transitional National Council from Benghazi, noting that despite promises of swift retribution, the government has not taken any steps to confront or interrogate those most widely believed to bear responsibility.

Both U.S. counterterrorism officials and Benghazi residents are increasingly fo-

cused on the local militant group Ansar al-Sharia as the main force behind the attack. Counterterrorism

U.S. official said, reports of the breach of the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, on the 11th anniversary of the Sept.



**Libyan security forces stand guard as people turn in weapons in Benghazi, Libya. The United States is laying the groundwork for operations to kill or capture militants suspected in the attack on a diplomatic mission in Libya that led to the death of the U.S. ambassador three weeks ago, senior military and counterterrorism officials said Tuesday, as the weak Libyan government appears unable to arrest or even question fighters directly implicated in the assault.**

(AP Photo/Ibrahim Alaguri)

officials in Washington say they now believe that Ansar al-Sharia had a rough attack plan for the U.S. diplomatic mission "on the shelf" and ready for some time just in case. Then, a

11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the U.S., provided the impetus to put the Benghazi attack in motion. The Cairo attack grew out of a protest over an American-made video mocking

the Prophet Muhammad, and fighters involved in the Benghazi attack said at the time that they were attacking for the same reason. The fighters and, later, spokesmen for Ansar al-Sharia, approvingly recalled a deadly 2006 attack on the Italian consulate in Benghazi over another offense to the Prophet Muhammad.

In the hours after the Benghazi attack, the U.S. official said, spy agencies intercepted electronic communications from Ansar al-Sharia fighters bragging to an operative with al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, an Algerian insurgency that has made itself a name-sake of the global terrorist group founded by Osama bin Laden. Another intercept captured cellphone conversations by militants on the grounds of the smoldering U.S. Mission in Benghazi that revealed their links to, or sympathies for, the regional al-Qaida group. □

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# Arizona Border Patrol agent shot dead on duty

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**NACO, Arizona (AP)** — A Border Patrol agent was shot to death Tuesday in Arizona near the U.S.-Mexico line, the first fatal shooting of an agent since a deadly 2010 firefight with Mexican bandits that spawned congressional probes of a botched government gun-smuggling investigation.

The agent, 30-year-old Nicholas Ivie, and a colleague were on patrol in the desert near Naco, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) from Tucson, when gunfire broke out shortly before 2 a.m., the Border Patrol said. The second agent was shot in the ankle and buttocks, but was reportedly in stable condition.

Authorities have not identified the agent who was wounded, nor did they say whether any weapons were seized at the site of the shooting.

At a news conference in Naco, an FBI official said the agency still was processing the crime scene and that it might take several days to complete. The FBI and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, which is also investigating, declined to say whether investigators have recovered guns or bullet casings. No arrests have been made, but authorities suspect that more than one person fired at the agents. "It's been a long day for us but it's been longer for no one more than a wife whose husband is not coming home. It's been longer for two children whose father is not coming home, and that is what is going to strengthen our resolve" to find those responsible and enforce the law, said Jeffrey Self, commander of Customs and Border Protection's Arizona joint field command.

Ivie, who is married, lived in Sierra Vista with his wife and their two young daughters.

The last Border Patrol agent fatally shot on duty was Brian Terry, who died

in a shootout with bandits near the border in December 2010. The Border Patrol station in Naco, where the two agents shot Tuesday were stationed, was recently named after Terry. Terry's shooting was later linked to the government's "Fast and Furious" gun-smuggling operation, which

allowed people suspected of illegally buying guns for others to walk away from gun shops with weapons, rather than be arrested. Authorities intended to track the guns into Mexico. Two rifles found at the scene of Terry's shooting were bought by a member of the gun-smuggling ring



**Law enforcement officers gather at a command post in the desert near Naco, Ariz., Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, after a Border Patrol agent was shot to death near the U.S.-Mexico line. The agent, Nicholas Ivie, 30, and a colleague were on patrol about 100 miles from Tucson, when shooting broke out shortly before 2 a.m., the Border Patrol said. (AP Photo/Gabriel Guerrero)**

being investigated.

Critics of the operation say any shooting along the border now will raise the specter those illegal weapons are still being used in border violence.

"There's no way to know at this point how the agent was killed, but because of Operation Fast and Furious, we'll wonder for years if the guns used in any killing along the border were part of an ill-advised gun-walking strategy," Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley said in a statement.

The Terry family said that the shooting was a "graphic reminder of the inherent dangers that threaten the safety of those who live and work near the border." Authorities set up a checkpoint on a dirt road about seven miles (11 kilometers) southeast of Bisbee.

A Border Patrol truck and another vehicle carrying two portable toilets were allowed to drive past the roadblock.

Agents at the checkpoint

declined to comment and barred reporters from going further. Two helicopters from federal immigration agencies could be seen from a distance circling the area. And a fugitive-chase team could be seen staking out on a roadside.

The area near the shooting is scattered with houses, trailers and ranchettes. Mesquite trees and creosote bushes dot the landscape, with a mountain range nearby to the west. The U.S. government has put thousands of sensors along the border that, when tripped, alert dispatchers that they should send agents to a particular location.

The agents were fired upon in a rugged hilly area about five miles (eight kilometers) north of the border as they responded to an alarm that was triggered on one of the sensors, said sheriff's spokeswoman Carol Capas. It is not known whether the agents returned fire, she said. □

## Syrian state TV attacks Hamas' Meshal

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**BEIRUT** — State television in Syria issued a withering attack on a longtime ally, the leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas, Khaled Meshal, addressing him as if he were an ungrateful child, saying he was having a "romantic emotional crisis" over the Syrian uprising and accusing him of selling out "resistance for power." The extraordinary reproof, a departure from the blander tone of most Syrian official statements, was the government's first broadside against Hamas since the organization distanced itself from the embattled President Bashar Assad earlier this year, when most Hamas leaders left their refuge in Damascus and shuttered their office there.

The attack was a television editorial delivered by a newscaster in alternately stern and mocking tones, who reminded Meshal that he was "orphaned" by Arab countries who would

not take him in when he fled Jordan in 1999. She implied that he must have sold out to Israel, saying that was the only explanation for the willingness of Qatar, his new host, to accept him. Damascus seemed to be

hammered Morsi, pointedly declared their shared priorities of opposing Assad and supporting the Palestinians — a blow to Assad's long-standing and domestically compelling persona as the champion of Palestinian re-



**Khaled Meshal, the political chief of the Islamist militant group Hamas, during an interview in Damascus, Syria. State television in Syria issued a withering attack on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, on longtime ally Meshal, addressing him as if he were an ungrateful child, saying he was having a "romantic emotional crisis" over the Syrian uprising and accusing him of selling out "resistance for power." (Mumtaz Al-Baloua/The New York Times)**

striking back after Meshal appeared at a congress of the party of Turkey's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and after Erdogan and Egypt's president, Mo-

sistance against Israel.

Hamas did not immediately respond to the attack on Meshal, who recently announced plans to step down from the group's

helm. But at the party congress Sunday in Ankara, after praising Syria's uprising, Meshal declared, according to The Associated Press, "There is no contradiction in our adoption of democracy and reform, and our support of the resistance." Syria, Iran, the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah and Hamas long considered themselves an "axis of resistance," in contrast to Arab countries — notably Egypt — that pursued a more accommodationist policy with Israel and the United States. But relations in the axis have teetered as some of Syrian's Palestinians have joined the uprising and as some Hamas officials find it impossible not to sympathize with fellow Sunni Muslims in Syria, who form the bulk of the anti-Assad movement and have borne the brunt of Assad's brutal crackdown. But Hezbollah remains a steadfast ally, although it has denied allegations by domestic opponents and the U.S. that it has aided in Syria's crackdown. □

# Romney looks to stimulate his campaign at tonight's debate

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republican challenger Mitt Romney looks to use Wednesday's debate against Barack Obama to revive his struggling presidential campaign, seeking not only to win over undecided voters but also fire up

regaining some support among independent voters, enabling him to cut into the president's advantage. Because the presidential election is not decided by popular vote but rather by in a state-by-state contest, a handful of so-called battleground states, which

the Republican Party when it won control of Congress in the 1990s, said disapprovingly over the weekend that Romney's campaign has been focusing on polling, political process and campaign management. "It's about everything but the issues. It's about every-



**Stand-ins for Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, left, and President Barack Obama, shake hands on stage during a rehearsal for a debate at the University of Denver, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, in Denver. President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney will hold their first debate tonight.**

(AP Photo/David Goldman)

Republicans who have begun questioning whether he can win.

Though polls show the race remains tight ahead of the Nov. 6 vote, Obama clearly has momentum and the edge not only in national polls, but in the battleground states that will effectively decide the election. In some states, Republican candidates appearing on the ballot with Romney have taken steps to establish independence from him.

Party strategists predict more will follow, perhaps as soon as next week, unless Romney can dispel fears that he is headed for defeat despite the weak economy that works against Obama's prospects.

Recent public polls show Obama moving out to a modest lead in most if not all of the battleground states where the race will be decided. But Republicans with access to Romney's polling data said Tuesday that he has begun

do not reliably vote either Republican or Democratic, will likely decide the race.

But it is unclear how long congressional candidates are willing to wait for a turnaround. Several Republican strategists point to this week, which includes the debate and Friday's release of September unemployment figures.

Some Republicans who are in periodic contact with the campaign say Romney's strategists have concluded that a recent uptick in public optimism, coming on top of Obama's success to date, complicates the attempt to defeat the president solely on the basis of pocketbook issues.

In recent days, Romney has emphasized criticism of the president's foreign policy, particularly in the Middle East, where a terrorist attack at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, left Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans dead.

Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, who headed

thing but Obama's policies and the failures of those policies," he said.

Barbour, echoing what others say privately, was dismissive of the suggestion that Romney should spread his campaign focus. The public is "concerned about how backwards the Middle East has gone during the last year.

But they're much more concerned about their children having jobs, about them being able to pay for their health insurance, for \$3.85 gasoline," he said.

Privately, Republican strategists also agreed with Barbour's public statement that Romney's campaign has been unable so far to settle on a single, overarching theme to tie together its advertising, the rhetoric of its candidate and appearances by surrogates.

Many of the Republicans who commented on the race declined to be identified by name, saying they were not authorized to speak publicly about strategy. □

# Ten most memorable U.S. debate moments

**1. Richard Nixon, sick and sweaty, looks bad even though he sounds good, 1960.**

The debate that made televised debates famous. Radio listeners thought that Vice President Richard Nixon was the better debater in the first of four campaign debates. Television viewers – and there were many more of them – thought Sen. John F. Kennedy was the superior communicator. That's because radio listeners could not see the Republican candidate, who was battling an illness and looked uncomfortable and occasionally shifty. Historians say the debate was a critical factor in Kennedy's narrow victory.

**2. Gerald Ford says Poland is free from Soviet domination, 1976.**

The biggest gaffe of presidential debates came when Gerald Ford declared that Eastern Europe in general (and Poland specifically) was not dominated by the Soviet Union. Polish-Americans, and millions of other Americans from the so-called "captive nations" of Eastern Europe begged to differ.

**3. Ronald Reagan asks if you're better off now than you were four years ago, 1980.**

They've been asking this question ever since, but Ronald Reagan did it first and best. Since almost nobody thought the U.S. was better off economically than it was when Jimmy Carter became president in January 1977, the former California governor's query resonated with dissatisfied Americans.

**4. Reagan's great comeback: "There you go again."**

Desperate to dent Reagan's political armor, a flailing Carter tried to portray his conservative opponent as an extremist who would end Social Security and Medicare as we knew them and might just provoke a nuclear conflagration. Reagan disarmed the Democratic incumbent with another one of his signature one-liners.

**5. Reagan's quip defuses the age issue, 1984.**

Reagan performed poorly in the first presidential debate of 1984 and polls showed Walter Mondale narrowing the Republican incumbent's big lead. The Gipper stopped Mondale's surge with a joke about age: "I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience." Mondale laughed but later told his wife Eleanor that the quip had sealed Reagan's victory.

**6. CNN's Bernard Shaw ties Michael Dukakis in knots with a hypothetical question about the rape and murder of the candidate's wife.**

In a 1988 debate in Los Angeles, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis answered a strange question about the possible rape and murder of his wife Kitty by repeating his opposition to the death penalty. His cool, analytical answer failed to connect with TV viewers.

**7. George H.W. Bush is flummoxed in a town hall debate by a citizens' question about people having trouble making ends meet, 1992.**

A woman at the debate in Richmond asked the Republican incumbent how the nation's economic troubles had affected him personally. Bush appeared stumped by the question and eventually talked about how the economy was improving.

**8. Al Gore sighs, rolls his eyes.**

At a debate in Boston, Al Gore's body language ended up more famous than his words. He sighed, he rolled his eyes, he even invaded George W. Bush's space at one point. The immature behavior marred an otherwise strong debate performance.

**9. Al Gore's mention of a "lock box" in 2000 was so widely parodied that he even made a joke of it himself in a Saturday Night Live spoof.**

Al Gore assured voters that Social Security money wasn't going to be spent for other purposes if he were elected president in 2000. So he invented the concept of a "lock box" to protect Social Security from rampaging lawmakers. After George W. Bush became president, Congress and the president once again raided Social Security to pay for tax cuts and government spending.

**10. Technical difficulties mar 1976 presidential debate in Philadelphia.**

About eight minutes before the end of the 1976 debate at the Walnut Street Theater, the audio feed from the bicentennial encounter in Philadelphia. Television anchors tried to fill the void – awkwardly. The candidates stopped eventually stopped talking and stood at their podiums – awkwardly. □



# Judge halts state's new voter ID requirement

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Associated Press  
HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AP) — One of the toughest of a new wave of U.S. state laws requiring voters to show photo identification to cast ballots was put on hold Tuesday, as a judge postponed Pennsylvania's controversial voter ID law in a decision that could help President Barack Obama in a key battleground state. Pennsylvania's 6-month-old law has sparked a divisive debate over voting rights ahead of the presidential election. About a dozen primarily Republican-controlled states have toughened voter ID laws since the 2008 presidential election. But states with the toughest rules going into effect — including Kansas and Tennessee — aren't battleground states, making their impact on the presidential election unclear. Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson delayed Pennsylvania's voter ID requirement from taking effect this election, saying he wasn't sure the state had made it possible for voters to easily get IDs before Nov. 6. "I am still not convinced ... that there will be no voter

disenfranchisement" if the law took effect immediately, Simpson wrote. Independent polls show a

licans. A top state lawmaker boasted to a Republican dinner in June that the ID requirement "is going to

allow Gov. Romney to win the state of Pennsylvania." Publicly, Republicans have justified the law as a protection against potential voter fraud. The law had faced protests, warnings of Election Day chaos and voter education drives as the law's opponents — including Democrats, civil rights groups and labor unions — began collecting stories of people who had no valid photo ID and faced stiff barriers in their efforts to get one. The judge's decision Tuesday could be appealed to the state Supreme Court, but it could easily be the final word on the law before the Nov. 6 election. The ruling also allows the law to go into full effect next year. □



Assistant Minority Leader James Clyburn of S.C., center, accompanied by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., second from right, and others, gestures during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, to discuss the controversial Pennsylvania voter ID law which was partially blocked Tuesday from going into effect in time for the November election. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

persistent lead for Obama over Republican nominee Mitt Romney in the state, but pollsters have said the requirement for voters to show a valid ID could mean that fewer people, especially young adults, blacks and Hispanics, the elderly, poor and disabled, end up voting. In the past, lower turnouts in Pennsylvania have benefited Repub-

## NYC lawyer: Iranian cameraman concerned for safety

NEW YORK (AP) — The lawyer for an Iranian cameraman who accompanied President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the U.S. for the U.N. General Assembly and is seeking asylum said Tuesday that his client did so because he was concerned for his safety if he went back to Iran. Paul O'Dwyer is representing Hassan Gol Khanban, who is in his 40s and has been a videographer with the Iranian News Agency for years. He has traveled abroad with Ahmadinejad before. O'Dwyer said his client had been asked to do things by the Iranian presidential delegation that he had refused to do, and was concerned about what would happen upon returning to Iran, which prompted his defection. "He was feeling threatened because of what he thought would happen when he went back," O'Dwyer said in an interview with The Associated Press. "There were demands made on him by the presidential detail while he was here to do things that he did not want to do. O'Dwyer said his client's wife and two young children have left Iran, as well. Khanban "is very, very concerned obviously about his family. His immediate family who have left Iran, and his extended family who are still in Iran, and obviously he is concerned for himself," he said. □

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## U.S. Intelligence effort named citizens, not terrorists

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A multibillion-dollar information-sharing program created in the aftermath of 9/11 has improperly collected information about innocent Americans and produced little valuable intelligence on terrorism, a U.S. Senate report concludes. It portrays an effort that ballooned far beyond anyone's ability to control. What began as an attempt to put local, state and federal officials in the same room analyzing the same intelligence has instead cost huge amounts of money for data-mining software, flat screen televisions and, in Arizona, two fully equipped Chevrolet Tahoes that are used for commuting, investigators found. The lengthy, bipartisan report is a scathing evaluation of what the Department of Homeland Security has held up as a crown jewel of its security efforts. The report underscores a reality of post-9/11 Washington: National security programs tend to grow, never shrink, even when their money and manpower far surpass the actual subject of terrorism. Much of this money went for ordinary local crime-fighting. Disagreeing with the critical conclusions of the report, Homeland Security says it is outdated, inaccurate and too focused on information produced by the program, ignoring benefits

to local governments from their involvement with federal intelligence officials. Because of a convoluted



**Unidentified analysts at the Combined Intelligence and Fusion Center for NORAD/Northcom in Colorado Springs, Colo. A multibillion-dollar information-sharing program that was created in the aftermath of 9/11 has improperly collected information about innocent Americans and produced no valuable intelligence on terrorism, according to a Senate report that describes an effort that ballooned far beyond anyone's ability to control.**

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

grants process set up by Congress, Homeland Security officials don't know how much they have spent in their decade-long effort to set up so-called fusion cen-

ters in every state. Government estimates range from less than \$300 million to \$1.4 billion in federal money,

plus much more invested by state and local governments. Federal funding is pegged at about 20 percent to 30 percent. Despite that, Congress is

unlikely to pull the plug. That's because, whether or not it stops terrorists, the program means politically important money for state and local governments.

A Senate Homeland Security subcommittee reviewed more than 600 unclassified reports over a one-year period and concluded that most had nothing to do with terrorism.

The panel's chairman is Democrat Carl Levin of Michigan, the ranking Republican Tom Coburn of Oklahoma.

"The subcommittee investigation could identify no reporting which uncovered a terrorist threat, nor could it identify a contribution such fusion center reporting made to disrupt an active terrorist plot," the report said.

When fusion centers did address terrorism, they sometimes did so in ways that infringed on civil liberties. The centers have made headlines for circulating in-

formation about Ron Paul supporters, the ACLU, activists on both sides of the abortion debate, war protesters and advocates of gun rights.

One fusion center cited in the Senate investigation wrote a report about a Muslim community group's list of book recommendations. Others discussed American citizens speaking at mosques or talking to Muslim groups about parenting.

No evidence of criminal activity was contained in those reports. The government did not circulate them, but it kept them on government computers. The federal government is prohibited from storing information about First Amendment activities not related to crimes.

"It was not clear why, if DHS had determined that the reports were improper to disseminate, the reports were proper to store indefinitely," the report said. □

## US begins flying home deported Mexicans

**ELLIOT SPAGAT**  
**Associated Press**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — The U.S. government began flying Mexican deportees home on Tuesday in a two-month experiment aimed at relieving Mexican border cities overwhelmed with people ordered to leave the United States. The flights will run twice a week from El Paso, Texas, to Mexico City until Nov.

29, at which time both governments will evaluate the results and decide whether to continue. The first flight left Tuesday with 131 Mexicans aboard.

The flights are not voluntary, unlike a previous effort from 2004 to 2011 to deport Mexicans arrested by the Border Patrol during Arizona's deadly summer heat. The U.S. government will pay for the flights, and the

Mexican government will pay to return people from Mexico City to their hometowns, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a news release.

ICE spokeswoman Nicole Navas said Mexicans from that country's northern border states will not be eligible. The Mexican government did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

The experiment comes as Mexican cities along the U.S. border are grappling with large numbers of deportees who have no roots, few employment prospects and sometimes limited Spanish. Many are deported to cities that are among the hardest hit by organized crime in Mexico, particularly across the border from Texas in the state of Tamaulipas. □



# In Queens, an oasis neglected by New York City

MICHAEL POWELL

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**NEW YORK** — She is not one of New York's Grande Dame parks, those Olmstead beauties with Victorian park houses, manicured lawns, rolling hills and forest glades.



A soccer game at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in the Queens borough of New York, Oct. 1, 2012. City officials have announced plans to use chunks of the park for a shopping mall, stadiums and parking.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

She lacks the high-stepping strut of Central Park and the hipster slouch of Prospect Park. And she has no Daddy Warbucks conservancy to shower her in gilt and so pay for a revitalizing face-lift.

Flushing Meadows-Corona Park is a homely beauty, a many-acre stepchild of two World's Fairs, stepping gingerly between noisy highways and stadiums and a polluted bay. All she possesses are a handsome Unisphere, a Hall of Science, a zoo, an art museum and tens of thousands of immigrant New Yorkers who pour onto her soccer fields, seek shade under her still-adolescent trees and stroll, bike and roller skate around her lakes.

Ask Olaris Gutierrez if her two children play in this park and she laughs.

"Of course! All the time."

Is it crowded?

Her eyes widen.

"So crowded! On weekends, your elbows touch other elbows."

Now this park faces threats from the city that should care for her. The Bloomberg administration has in mind multiple insults. In pursuit of its Xanadu dream for Wil-

lets Point, it wants to let the owners of the Mets and the Related Cos. build a huge shopping mall on the park's western end, which admittedly is nothing more than a vast parking lot now.

They are intent on letting the U.S. Tennis Asso-

City's parks. To ride your bike from Brooklyn Bridge Park to Battery Park to Hudson River Park, and perhaps stop and take a stroll on the High Line, is to experience New York as Paris, beautifully kept parks with gardeners and omnipresent officers.

To ride out to the Shore Park by the Verazzano Bridge and east to Marine Park or to bike up to the city's largest park Pelham Bay is often to bounce along roads as rutted as any in backwoods Vermont. I walked Flushing Meadows-Corona Park with Donovan Finn, a passionate 41-year-old Queens resident and a professor of environmental studies at Stony Brook University. He pointed out lawns scarred by hardscrabble patches of dirt, soccer goal posts rusting and the Fountain of the Planets surrounded by acres of asphalt.

We walked beneath a stand of adolescent sycamores that would be destroyed by the tennis center. We came to a stop by the soccer fields, crowded on this weekday, which would disappear during years of construction.



Donovan Finn, who decries the way the city has treated the Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, sits on a bench in the park in the Queens borough of New York, Oct. 1, 2012. Flushing Meadows-Corona Park is a homely beauty, a many-acre stepchild of two World's Fairs, stepping gingerly between noisy highways and stadiums and a polluted bay.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

very core.

It's as if Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, in distorted homage to "Men in Black," wanted to park a flying saucer here, obliterating soccer fields and a pond.

It is a fact of 21st-century life that the upstairs/downstairs class divide applies with great force to New York

"This is where my 3 1/2-year-old son runs around the fountain," he said. "This is our park. Why is it OK to do this to us?"

City officials hint at bags of cash for this plain beauty of a park; perhaps the soccer stadium could provide it with a revenue stream. The league might eventually

rebuild even prettier fields. Maybe, perhaps, could be, some day.

Why have mayors not demanded that the U.S. Tennis Association and the taxpayer-subsidized New York Mets pay fees to this much-abused park? And would the mayor, whose mansion is steps from Central Park, conceive of asking the worthies on the Central Park Conservancy to underwrite its operations by placing a professional soccer stadium in Sheep Meadow?

To ask is to know the answer. In fact residents of Manhattan already reject-

ed an earlier proposal to place this stadium in Hudson River Park.

Four years ago, the parks department released a strategic plan for Flushing Meadows.

It is a dispatch from a different, green-edged age of Bloomberg. It "re-envisioned" a "new greener landscape" with less pavement, cleaned-up lakes and a spectacular Fountain of Industry edged by lawns and playgrounds. And it suggests that the city force baseball owners and tennis barons to ante up their fair share of fees. □



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## Georgian president concedes but democracy rules

**LYNN BERRY**

**Associated Press**

**TBILISI, Georgia (AP)** — Defying expectations, President Mikhail Saakashvili conceded Tuesday that his party had lost Georgia's parliamentary election and his opponent had the right to become prime minister, setting the stage for political turmoil in the final year of his presidency.

The new Georgian government will be led by billionaire businessman and philanthropist Bidzina Ivanishvili, who made his fortune in Russia and until recently was little known to the 4.5 million people in his homeland on the Black Sea.

In one notable accomplishment, it was the first time in Georgia's post-Soviet history that the government changed by the ballot box rather than through revolution. Saakashvili came to power through the peaceful Rose Revolution after a rigged parliamentary vote in 2003.

By conceding defeat even before the results of

Monday's election were released, the 44-year-old Saakashvili defied the op-

viet republic.

He also prevented potential violence on the emo-



**A street musician sleeps next to various election posters in Tbilisi, Georgia, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012. Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili has conceded defeat in the parliamentary election and says the opposition now has the right to form a government. Speaking Tuesday on television, he said: "It's clear from the preliminary results that the opposition has the lead and it should form the government. And I as president should help them with this." Early results show an opposition coalition led by billionaire businessman Bidzina Ivanishvili with what appears to be an insurmountable lead as voters turned away from Saakashvili and the party that has been in power for almost nine years.**

**(AP Photo/Shakh Aivazov)**

position's expectations that he would cling to power at all costs and preserved his legacy as a pro-Western leader who brought democracy to the former So-

tionally charged streets of the capital, Tbilisi, where support for the opposition Georgian Dream coalition is strongest. Opposition supporters began celebrating

as soon as the polls closed, and the mood could have turned ugly very quickly if they thought they were being deprived of a victory.

The 56-year-old Ivanishvili, meanwhile, went immediately on the attack. Speaking at a televised news conference, he declared that most of the president's widely praised reforms were a joke and said Saakashvili had deceived the Americans into believing he was a democrat. He then called on Saakashvili to resign.

"I don't think our political battle was caused by any

personal antagonism on my part toward Saakashvili," he said.

"But I have always blamed Saakashvili for what has gone wrong in Georgia, and I can repeat that today: This man's ideology has established a climate of lies, violence and torture."

In Washington, the White House welcomed the vote as "the achievement of another milestone in Georgia's democratic development" and urged Saakashvili and Ivanishvili to "work together in the spirit of national unity." □

## German bailout-fatigue might delay aid for Spain

**JUERGEN BAETZ**

**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** — Germany's government appears to be putting the brakes on any request by Spain for help from its European partners in managing its debts, wary that its lawmakers might balk at having to vote on yet another bailout for a struggling eurozone nation.

For Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right government, pushing a rescue package through parliament is always a tedious business: Her parliamentary whips must work hard to bring the coalition's increasingly reluctant lawmakers in line because failing to secure a majority of her own would be a huge embarrassment, especially one year ahead of national elections.

But even if the vote succeeds without having to rely on the opposition, the German public is increasingly tired of seemingly being on the hook for bailing out the rest of Europe.

The government thus would prefer to delay a bailout and bundle any Spanish request in with other decisions related to aid for other distressed countries from the 17-country group that uses the euro such as Greece, Portugal or Cyprus, according to lawmakers. □

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## Netherlands: Smoked salmon blamed for salmonella outbreak

**CANDICE CHOI**  
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**Associated Press**

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands**

**(AP)** — Smoked salmon tainted with salmonella has sickened hundreds of people in the Netherlands, authorities said, sparking major recalls there and in the U.S. U.S. health authorities say they are also investigating whether the salmon could be at the root of a multi-state outbreak of the illness. The Netherlands' National Institute for Public Health and the Environment said the salmon was traced to a Dutch company called Foppen, which sells fish to many major supermarkets in the Netherlands and stores around the world.

In the U.S. Foppen said it only supplied the fish to Costco Wholesale Corp. It did not believe the contaminated fish was sold to any other countries.

The Dutch public health institute said that around 200 people — and likely more — have been sickened in the Netherlands by a strain of the bacteria called Salmonella Thompson.

A representative for the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control Prevention, Lola Russell, says the federal agency has 85 recorded cases of the same strain from 27 states starting from July 1. Without an outbreak, she said the average number of such cases over that time would be about 30.

"We've investigating a possible link between the cases in the U.S. and cases in the Netherlands," Russell said.

That process entails state public health officials interviewing patients to find out what they may have eaten before they got sick, includ-

ing the smoked salmon. Russell said 10 people have been hospitalized, with no deaths.

Craig Wilson, vice president of food safety at Costco, said the company immediately pulled the smoked salmon from shelves after receiving a call from Foppen late Monday. Costco also blocked sale of the salmon in stores, meaning the products won't scan at registers.

The smoked salmon was sold under the Foppen name, as well as under Costco's store-brand name, Kirkland. Wilson did not know how much of the product was sold.

Customers who purchased the items will be called by Costco to notify them of the recall, Wilson said. The calls will be followed up with a letter.

Wilson said Costco's independent testing of the smoked salmon hasn't yet turned up any positive results for salmonella. □

## Pope's butler pleads innocent

**NICOLE WINFIELD**  
**Associated Press**  
**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Benedict XVI's onetime butler declared Tuesday he was innocent of a charge of aggravated theft of the pope's private correspondence, but acknowledged he photocopied the papers and said he feels guilty that he betrayed the trust of the pontiff he loves like a father.

Paolo Gabriele took the stand Tuesday in a Vatican courtroom to defend himself against accusations of his role in one of the most damaging scandals of Benedict's pontificate. Prosecutors say Gabriele stole the pope's letters and documents alleging power struggles and corruption inside the Vatican and leaked them to a journalist in an unprecedented papal security breach.

Gabriele faces four years in prison if he is found guilty, although most Vatican watchers expect he will receive a papal pardon if he is convicted. During Tuesday's hearing, Gabriele's attorney com-

plained that her client spent his first 20 days in Vatican detention in a room so small he couldn't stretch his arms out and with lights



The former butler to Pope Benedict XVI, Paolo Gabriele (above) took the stand Tuesday in a Vatican courtroom to defend himself against accusations of his role in one of the most damaging scandals of Benedict's pontificate. (AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

kept on 24 hours a day. Vatican police swiftly defended their treatment of

Gabriele, but the Vatican prosecutor opened an investigation regardless.

Prosecutors have said Gabriele, 46, has confessed to leaking copies of the documents to Italian journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi, because he wanted to expose the "evil and corruption" in the church. They quoted him as saying in a June 5 interrogation that even though he knew taking the documents was wrong, he felt inspired by the Holy Spirit "to bring the church back on the right track."

Judge Giuseppe Dalla Torre asked Gabriele on Tuesday if he stood by his confession. Gabriele responded: "Yes."

Asked, though, by his attorney Cristiana Arru how he responded to the charge of aggravated theft, Gabriele said: "I declare myself innocent concerning the charge of aggravated theft. I feel guilty of having betrayed the trust of the Holy Father, whom I love as a son would." □

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# Iran president: 'Psychological' blows causing currency drop

**NASSER KARIMI**  
**Associated Press**

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iran's president on Tuesday blamed the steep drop in Iran's currency on "psychological pressures" linked to Western sanctions over Tehran's nuclear program and Iran's increasing bitter political battles.

The remarks were part of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's attempt to deflect criticism from political rivals that his government's policies also have contributed to the nosedive of the Iranian rial, which has lost more than half its value against the U.S. dollar this year and has sharply pushed up costs for many imported goods.

The price hikes have added to the burdens on Iran's economy as it struggles with tougher sanctions targeting its crucial oil exports and measures blocking it from key international banking networks. The U.S. and its allies have imposed the punishing measures in attempts to force Iranian concessions over its nuclear program, which the West says is aimed at developing atomic weapons. Tehran insists the program is for peaceful purposes.

An Iranian parliament member, Mohammad Bayatian, was quoted on the chamber's website, icana.ir, as saying that enough signatures have been collected

to force Ahmadinejad to face questioning before lawmakers over the currency's tumble.

Ahmadinejad directly criticized parliament speaker

ply while also holding down bank interest rates, which prompted many people to withdraw their rials to exchange for foreign currency.



**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a press conference in Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012. Ahmadinejad blamed the steep drop in Iran's currency Tuesday to "psychological pressures" linked to Western sanctions over Tehran's nuclear program. The remarks were part of his attempt to deflect criticism from political rivals that his government's policies also have contributed to the nosedive of the Iranian rial, which has lost more than half its value against the U.S. dollar this year and has sharply pushed up costs for many imported goods. (AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)**

Ali Larijani for his claims, reported by the semiofficial Fars news agency, that "80 percent" of economic problems were linked to government mismanagement and the rest to sanctions.

The rial's sharp decline is attributed to a combination of Western sanctions and government policies, such as fueling inflation by increasing the money sup-

"The speaker should help the government overcome the problem instead of accusing the administration," Ahmadinejad told reporters his first news conference since returning from the U.N.

General Assembly. Larijani is among the possible candidates for next June's presidential elections that will pick Ahmadinejad's successor. □

# Attackers kill students in northeastern Nigeria

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**Associated Press**

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)** — Assailants shot or stabbed to death at least 25 people in the second attack near colleges in Nigeria's troubled northeast in the last few days, officials said Tuesday.

Authorities believe students may have been behind the attacks in Mubi, but that town and the surrounding region also have suffered from a spate of killings by the Boko Haram radical Islamist sect.

The latest attack occurred between 10 p.m. Monday and 3 a.m. Tuesday when assailants invaded student accommodations outside the campus of the Federal Polytechnic Mubi college, said one of its students, Danjuma Aiso.

Twenty-seven students were killed, forcing the school to close Tuesday, said Aiso, citing information from the school's Students Affairs officer Mohammed Baba Karewa. The Associated Press could not immediately reach Karewa for comment.

Adamawa state police spokesman Ibrahim Muhammad said 25 men were killed: 19 students of Federal Polytechnic Mubi, three students of another college, an ex-soldier, a security guard and an elderly man.

"The crisis in Mubi is suspected to have been fueled by campus politics after an election at the (college)," Yushau Shuaib, the spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency, said in a statement. Across colleges and universities in Nigeria, some fraternities have turned to gang violence to wield power on campuses.

"Boko Haram (attackers) open fire sporadically," said Muhammad.

"In this case, the attackers called their victims by name and left other people in the room alone. This is not the modus operandi of Boko Haram."

"It is the work of insiders," Muhammad said.

Police said that student elections held last week could have been the motivation for the violence. But Aiso said students had recently found a written warning pasted on the gate of the female hostel inside the campus and which is widely believed to have been written by members of the Boko Haram sect. The message ordered authorities to evacuate the school, he said.

The college attack follows the killing Saturday of three students outside a university campus, about 100 miles (170 kilometers) away, in the city of Maiduguri, Boko Haram's spiritual home. □

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**U.S. and Mexican authorities stand in the spot of the road where an armored U.S. embassy vehicle was attacked on the highway leading to the city of Cuernavaca, near Tres Marias, Mexico. A senior U.S. official says there is strong circumstantial evidence that Mexican federal police who fired on the U.S. embassy vehicle, wounding two CIA agents, were working for organized crime on a targeted assassination attempt.**

(AP Photo/Tony Valdivia)

ship since then have splintered that cartel into small gangs warring for the area. The CIA officers were heading down a dirt road to the military installation with a Mexican navy captain in the vehicle when a carload of gunmen opened fire and gave chase. The embassy SUV tried to escape, but three other cars joined the original vehicle in pursuing it down the road, according to the original navy statement. Occupants of all four vehicles fired.

"This is somebody with a powerful automatic weapon just unloading an entire clip, reloading, and con-

tinuing to fire at that same impact point, clearly with the intention of penetrating the armor and presumably killing those who are inside," the U.S. official told the AP.

Surveillance cameras in the area recorded two civilian vehicles chasing the U.S. Embassy SUV, the Mexican official said. So far Mexican officials have said only federal police fired on the SUV. The two CIA officers received non-life-threatening wounds and have returned to the United States. The navy captain was uninjured and radioed the navy for help. □

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When asked by the AP if the Mexican federal police officers involved in the shooting were tied to organized crime, the U.S. official said, "The circumstantial evidence is pretty damn strong."

Both the U.S. and Mexican officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the diplomatic issue.

A federal police on Tuesday maintained the position that their agents fired on the vehicle by mistake, thinking it belonged to a band of kidnappers they were pursuing, according to a spokesman who was not authorized to speak on the record.

The U.S. State Department declined to discuss details. "We will not comment on an ongoing investigation," said William Ostick, a spokesman.

"This is a matter of great significance to both our countries and we will continue to cooperate with Mexican

authorities in their investigation."

The Mexican official said one line of investigation is that members of the Beltran Leyva Cartel were interested in attacking the people in the car because some of their lookouts had seen them passing through the area and presumed they were investigating the cartel. It's possible they didn't know they were Americans.

The rural road near Cuernavaca where the attack took place is known territory of the remnants of the Beltran Leyvas, a once-powerful cartel now run by Hector Beltran Leyva since the Navy killed his brother, drug lord Arturo Beltran Leyva, in Cuernavaca in late 2009. Beltran Leyva was once aligned with Mexico's powerful cartel, Sinaloa, headed by fugitive drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. But the groups split in 2008 and continued government hits on Beltran Leyva leader-

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## 7 crew arrested in deadly Hong Kong boat collision

**KELVIN CHAN**

**Associated Press**

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Police on Tuesday arrested seven crew members from two boats that collided in Hong Kong waters, killing 38 holiday revelers, but offered no theory about how the vessels ran into each other on a clear night in one of the safest and most regulated waterways in Asia. The Monday night crash was Hong Kong's deadliest accident in more than 15 years, and its worst maritime accident in more than 40. Some relatives of the dead went to the scene off Hong Kong island's southwestern coast to toss spirit money in honor of the vic-

tims on Tuesday, while others waited at the morgue for news about loved ones. Police Commissioner Tsang Wai-hung said six people were detained on suspicion of endangering passengers by operating their craft in an unsafe way. Police later announced a seventh arrest.

Tsang said both crews are suspected of having not "exercised the care required of them by law," but he did not elaborate.

A ferry collided with the Lamma IV, which is owned by the Hong Kong Electric Co. utility and was taking more than 100 employees and their families to famed Victoria Harbor to watch a

fireworks display in celebration of China's National Day and mid-autumn festival.

The government said 101 people were sent to hospitals, 66 were discharged, and four had serious injuries

(Ferry) Holdings Ltd., the ferry operator, did not return calls seeking comment.

The government said 28 bodies were recovered overnight, and eight more people were declared

using three crane barges. At the same time, several dozen relatives of victims traveled by boat to take part in a traditional Chinese mourning ritual, praying alongside Taoist priests and tossing spirit money into the wind.

Survivors told local television stations that the power company boat started sinking rapidly after the 8:23 p.m. collision. One woman said she swallowed a lot of water as she swam back to shore. A man said he had been on board with his children and didn't know where they were. Neither gave their names.

Though there was no immediate word about how the collision occurred on Hong Kong's tightly regulated waterways, it appeared human error was involved. Both vessels should have been illuminated by running lights when they crashed near Lamma island off the southwestern coast of Hong Kong island.

Such large-scale accidents are rare for Hong Kong, a semiautonomous enclave off mainland China that has one of Asia's most advanced infrastructures and economies with first-rate public services. □



**Police officers guard on a partially submerged boat after it collided with a ferry Monday night near Lamma Island, off the southwestern coast of Hong Kong Island Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012. The boat packed with revelers on a long holiday weekend collided with a ferry and sank off Hong Kong, killing at least 36 people and injuring dozens, authorities said.**

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

or were in critical condition. The ferry was damaged but completed its journey, and some of its passengers were treated for injuries. Local TV later showed its bow chewed up and chunks missing.

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dead at hospitals. Two bodies found aboard the vessel Tuesday raised the death toll to 38, according to government statements. At least four of those killed were children.

Salvage crews raised the half-submerged Lamma IV

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## Activist arrested by Algerian police

**ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)** — A member of a leading human rights organization has been beaten and arrested in a southern Algerian city.

The lawyer for Yacine Zaid said Tuesday that his client had been punched and beaten by police when they arrested him at a road block in Ouargla, 700 kilometers (435 miles) south of the capital. The lawyer, Sidhoum Mohamed Amine, said Zaid was arrested Monday on the ground that he had shown a lack of respect for police.

The daily El Watan reported that Zaid would go on trial Monday for "humiliating"

and "striking a police officer." The paper quoted an eyewitness, Abdelmalek Aibek Eg Sahli, a representative of a hotel union, as saying that Zaid "wasn't aggressive and I don't see why he is accused of that."

Amine said in an interview with The Associated Press that police often use "verbal aggression" to justify an arrest.

Zaid, a well-known blogger, is a member of the Algerian League for the Defense of Human Rights. He was detained in Algiers on Sept. 25 after a support rally for another human rights militant on a hunger strike, but later released. □





With Sven Hammond Soul:

## 21 Years of Café the Plaza is celebrated in jazzy splendor!



Café the Plaza, one of the most popular restaurants of the Renaissance Marketplace, is celebrating another milestone: it opened 21 years ago. This anniversary is celebrated in jazzy splendor, as the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will start the next day. One of the festival's perform-

ing bands will add luster to the festive occasion in the Renaissance Marketplace: Sven Hammond Soul will be playing. On Thursday, October 4, starting at 8 pm, this steamy soul and funk band, will give Café the Plaza's guests a food taste of what's to come in the upcoming weekend. Vo-



calists Demi Matenahoru and Ivan Peroti, the band and Sven on the Hammond organ are sure to impress with their roller-coaster repertoire.

And now time for a bit of history: twenty-one years ago, Hans Nooter and Harry Koeman took over a struggling restaurant in Harbortown, as the Renaissance Marketplace was then called. Their touch proved to be gold: as soon as the place changed ownership, patrons appeared as if by magic. The secret of the Dutch Touch of these two: really good value, a nice menu and great meals in a relaxed and very welcoming atmosphere. After so many years, this still holds true and regulars still keep coming to Café the Plaza. Café the Plaza is well-known for its outrageous and fun happenings. Remember the weird Elfstedentocht? This was a team effort in barhopping throughout Oranjestad. Teams had to wear snorkels and flippers and Aruba had never witnessed anything like it. The event was even written up in Dutch newspapers and it got television coverage as well.

The year always starts off in a most unusual fashion:

all regulars and friends are invited for a New Year's toast on January 1st: a sweaty, but very cool happening! After that the annual Polesitting championships are held as well as the Plaza Golf Championships and the first Herring event. The European and World Cup soccer matches of the Dutch national team, shown on big screens and cheered on by hundreds of Dutchies, consistently create an orange-colored, jolly chaos. Café the Plaza's weekly craze is the Quiz Night. Every Tuesday

evening, teams of intelligent and savvy gals and guys fight for glory. There are series of 8 evenings, always filled to the brim with avid players, who rack their brains to come up with the right answers.

Thursday evening's anniversary bash at Café the Plaza should not be missed: it is going to be earth shattering. Heartfelt congratulations and a big thump on their shoulders go to Harry and Hans, the two who have made Café the Plaza such a great place to be for 21 years! Pabien! □





# General Air Services Mark Company's 40th Anniversary



**Oranjestad** -- GenAir, a ground handling company headquartered at Reina Beatrix Airport in Aruba celebrated its 40th anniversary at an elegant reception at Windows on Aruba. General Manager Dimitri Pavlowitch and Managing

Director Alejandro Muyale welcomed their guests among them key personalities of GenAir and the representatives of US Airways, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, the Aruba Airport Authority, TUI UK/Ireland, Tiara Air, Insel Air, De Palm Tours,



Jet Blue, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and members of the US Customs & Immigration services stationed here.

Alejandro Muyale thanked all stakeholders for their continued and steadfast support, since he joined the company, founded by his father, the late Mr Muyale, an aviation pioneer, four decades ago.

The company today he stated, handles 45 flights on average a day, and relies heavily on a united and focused team, each member pulling his or her own weight, performing in an industry where zero defect is an intrinsic daily requirement.

Company executive Nelio Gomes Da Silva then went on to show an excellent short movie shot in-house, starring GenAir employees, titled: "It's My GenAir, The Future Is In My Hands," reiterating the importance of personal ownership and commitment among employees, and their total involvement in the responsibility it take to run an airline. The excellent production received a rousing round of applause as invitees were impressed by the content of the movie featuring the catchy slogan, and the engaged and engaging employees. Indra Stamper representing Fundacion



Pa Nos Comunidad and Rachelle Roos representing Ban Duna Man Pa Cria Nos Muchanan, received generous donation checks from GenAir on the occasion of the anniversary celebration, sponsoring baskets of food supplies for families in need during the upcoming year, and sponsoring breakfast for a number of needy school children over the next year. Also pictured here Antonio Muyale who runs the family-owned ground handling

company on the island of Curacao, at Hato Airport, also family members Femi Muyale, who received a special recognition, Efraim Eman, Benoit Eman, Osaira Muyale, and Don Camilo Muyale.

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**Eagle Beach** -- The Battle of the Food Trucks unfolded on the parking lot of the Trop Club & Casino over the weekend, as nine island snack trucks and snack shacks participated in the event co-sponsored by imported Presidente Beer, from the Dominican Republic, AMC Unicon, Coca Cola and Label 5 Scotch, as a charity event with proceeds donated to the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation.

With wall to wall entertainment, by Victor Emanuel, the Rincon Boyz, Upgrade Music, D'-Licious Band, and Iguales Band the trucks culinary offerings were judged in two rounds, on Friday night by a group of visiting American food experts and on Saturday night by a number of local food-maven.

Tia Rosa Snack from Pos Chikito, a family enterprise serving Patacon, a sandwich made with slices of twice fried green plantain instead of bread, mixing ham, cheese, some lettuce, tomato, onions and a variety of sauces, won the first prize, while the Hollywood Smokehouse and Chalo Burger shared the second place, the smokehouse with a quartet of

delectable slides, filled with beef brisket, pulled pork, grilled grouper and sausage, accompanied by zingy sauces, and Chalo with a giant tasty burger, with all the trimmings.

Chachi Snack, in the third place was praised for his chicken cut-small laced with peanut sauce!

Suyene Tromp Executive Administrative Assistant of the Tropicana Aruba Resort & Casino had the pleasure of recruiting the trucks and convincing them to move from their regular locations around the island, for just one night, while Casino Manager Wilfred Trimon, enjoyed the incredible traffic it brought to the parking lot and the Trop Casino.

Inside the Trop Casino, at Buster's Garage, Ruben Trautenberg and the Legend band entertained with classic Rock n Roll, while a formal domino tournament, bingo and raffles, were taking place at the casino.

Pictured here an incredible weekend of fun with Chachi Snack, Mama's Truck from Eagle Beach, Piets, Ricuras, Chalo's Burger, the Hollywood Smokehouse, Tia Rosa, Gio's burger, Caribbean Sabor, Lizza's Ice & Shakes, and Soft Ices. □



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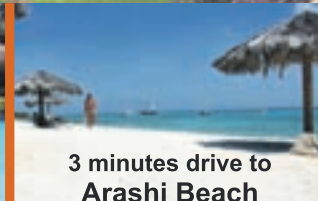
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preciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years.

The honorees were Barbara Mont and Betty Blackman. Both Ladies are loyal members of the Divi Phoenix, and they love the Island very much, because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants and the diversity of

the island and Aruba feels like a second home and the people are like a family to them.

The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with Jennifer Melfor, representing the Aruba Divi Phoenix Beach Resort.□

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perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with their "Aruhiba" logo. Petrocchi considers Aruhiba as a promotion for Aruba through its fine cigars. The company sells Aruhiba to the international markets as well. Visit their retail store located in front of the Historic Dutch Windmill in front of the Westin Resort, with any purchase of \$20 and up you receive a free "Aruhiba" cigar or ask for their gift box of 5 cigars get 1 FREE for only \$37. They open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am till 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm. Aruhiba cigars are now available at the gift stores in your resort



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From left to right: Marco Koch, Jenny Mensing, Britta Steffen and Helge Folkert Meeuw from Germany pose on the podium with their gold medals after they won the mixed 4X50-meter medley relay short course race at the FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012.  
Associated Press

## Germany wins first mixed-gender swim relay

**MICHAEL CASEY**  
AP Sports Writer  
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Not even the elite men's swimmers could catch Britta Steffen. In the sport's first top-level event featuring both sexes, Steffen held off two fast-charging male swimmers to anchor Germany to victory in a 4x50-meter mixed relay at the World Cup meet Tuesday in Dubai. Steffen, a world record-holder in the 50 freestyle, started the final leg with a lead of half a pool length.

Hungary's Krisztian Takacs and Ukraine's Sergii Frolov took off after her and closed the gap, but Steffen made sure Germany won by a comfortable margin. Germany finished in 1 minute, 43.21 seconds — 2.10 seconds faster than Hungary. Ukraine was a further 0.58 seconds back. Swimming's governing body says mixed relays could be introduced at the short-course world championships in Istanbul in December. □

## Nadal set to return in late December

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Rafael Nadal is set to make his long-awaited return to tennis at an Abu Dhabi exhibition tournament in December. Organizers of the Mubadala World Tennis Championship said on Tuesday in a statement that Nadal is set to join a field including Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and David Ferrer. The tournament runs from Dec. 27-29. Nadal hasn't played since losing in the second round of Wimbledon in June. He is recovering from a partially torn patella tendon in his left knee. □



## BEAR HUG

### Old Bears 'D' picks off win

Chicago Bears defensive tackle Henry Melton knocks the ball away from Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, in Arlington, Texas.  
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# Couples offers Nicklaus, Jordan assistant captain

RUSTY MILLER

AP Sports Writer

**DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)** — Jack Nicklaus had a chance to be more than a ceremonial host at the 2013 Presidents Cup at Muirfield Village.

U.S. team captain Fred Couples asked the iconic 18-time major championship winner to be an assistant captain on the American side for the Presidents Cup on Oct. 4-6, 2013. But Nicklaus turned him down. Nicklaus plans to be a cordial, uninvolved and unhurried host for the event at the course he designed.

"Freddie paid me a nice compliment by his suggestion," Nicklaus said Tuesday. "It was very thoughtful of him."

I would love to, but I simply can't. I have duties as host, so that would not be the right thing to do."

Couples said he also asked Michael Jordan, the former Chicago Bulls star, to serve as one of his three assistants but rated the possibility of him accepting as remote. Veteran tour player Jay Haas did accept an offer to be an assistant.

Nicklaus, a four-time U.S. captain in the Presidents Cup, didn't take Couples seriously when he first broached the idea. But Couples was serious.

"I wasn't joking about it," Couples said.

"When we were here (at Muirfield Village) last night, I said 'Could I pick him?'. A couple of guys from the



**USA's Phil Mickelson, left, shakes hands with Jack Nicklaus on the first hole before a singles match at the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.**

Associated Press

Tour said, 'Yeah, he would love that.' And then a couple other guys — maybe one pretty high up there — said, 'He's hosting the thing, he can't do that.' "Then Jack winked at me and said, 'But I can be in your team room all you

want.'"

Couples was at Muirfield to promote the event a year early. He spent last week as an assistant captain to Davis Love III on the U.S. team at the Ryder Cup at Medinah. The European team came back from a

four-point deficit to retain possession of the Cup, 14 ½ to 13 ½.

International captain Nick Price announced all three of his Presidents Cup assistants: Shigeki Maruyama, Mark McNulty and Tony Johnstone.

Price and Couples are friends, which led to some good-natured kidding.

"One thing you've got to be careful with Fred with his laid-backness, he wants to win as much as anybody," Price said.

"Even though he looks like he's about to fall asleep on the golf course."

Couples also said he would consider having U.S. Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III as an assistant but didn't want to bother the disappointed Love after the dramatic comeback by the European team.

Love has said he would prefer to play his way onto the U.S. team.

"I just didn't want to make him think about anything," Couples said. "I tried to get him and he's either sleeping or out practicing. He'll get back to me in the next few days."

Couples said he would welcome pairing veterans such as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Steve Stricker with younger players like Jason Dufner, Bubba Watson or Keegan Bradley.

Of the Ryder Cup collapse, Couples said, "I knew it was going to be close. But I didn't think we wouldn't get one point from someone we needed."

He added many of the Ryder Cup players — after what he termed a "horrific Sunday" — are not making any plans for the near future. □



# Bears get past Cowboys 34-18 with defense, Cutler

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**

**AP Sports Writer**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) —**

Lance Briggs plucked the ball out of the air and started rumbling down the field. As the Chicago linebacker approached the end zone, he fully extended his left arm over his head with the ball in his hand.

Briggs and the rest of those 30-something Bears defenders showed Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys how much they can still play.

Charles Tillman, another of the five defensive starters in their 30s, also returned an interception for a touchdown in the Bears' 34-18 victory Monday night.

"A lot of our older guys are playing really well right now because we understand everything so much more," said Briggs, whose 74-yard run was his first interception return for a TD since 2005. "Whether we've lost a step or some people believe we've lost a step, we make up for it in knowledge."

Though Romo was only sacked once, on the game's first series, he was pressured relentlessly and threw five interceptions. That matched his career high, first done five years ago in his first full season as a starter.

"Just outstanding play by our defense," Bears coach Lovie Smith said.



**Chicago Bears tight end Kellen Davis (87) pulls in a pass in front of Dallas Cowboys defensive back Danny McCray (40) during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, in Arlington, Texas. The Bears won 34-18.**

**Associated Press**

"It seemed like everybody had a say in it. How about Lance Briggs? You guys didn't know he could run that fast."

Briggs' interception came in a wild two-play exchange of turnovers midway through the third quarter.

Bears quarterback Jay Cutler was nearly flawless after halftime, when he completed 11 of 12 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns. That included a 34-yard score to Devin Hester to start the half and a 31-yarder to Brandon Marshall with 6½ minutes left.

Cutler was 18 of 24 over-

all for 275 yards. Marshall had seven catches for 138 yards.

Major Wright, who returned an interception for a touchdown in Chicago's last game, had two of the five interceptions. D.J. Moore has nine career interceptions, three of them against Romo after getting another one Monday night.

"We have a pretty good feel for what their front is going to do, what their pressures were, what their coverages were," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "They're just very good at it. It's not very exotic."

Chicago's first fumble of the

season came when Cutler was sacked by DeMarcus Ware and Victor Butler recovered at the Bears 27.

On the very next play, Romo was trying to escape pressure when he was hit from behind by Henry Melton. The ball popped forward into the air and Briggs grabbed it and scored to put the Bears (3-1) ahead 24-7.

"I haven't run that long in a long time, that far," Briggs said.

Once again, the Cowboys (2-2) are a .500 team. They are also one of the lowest-scoring teams in the NFL with only 65 points going

into their bye week, and then play four of their next five games on the road.

"This has to be a wakeup call for us. I don't say that nonchalantly. It has to be," Cowboys tight end Jason Witten said.

"You can't bounce back and forth like this and try to compete come December-time. You can't do it. We have been in that situation before. You cannot do it. And we know that, and we'll get better."

Since the start of the 1997 season, Dallas is 122-122 in regular-season games. They have won only one playoff game in that span after three Super Bowl titles in a four-year span in the first half of the 1990s.

Romo finished 31 of 43 for 307 yards and a touchdown. When the Cowboys got the ball back in the final 3 minutes, Kyle Orton got his first action since the veteran quarterback signed a free agent deal during the offseason to be Romo's backup.

Orton threw a 5-yard TD pass to Witten with 34 seconds left, capping a 10-play, 89-yard drive.

Witten, the seven-time Pro Bowl tight end who uncharacteristically had several drops the first three games after missing most of the preseason with a lacerated spleen, had 13 catches for 112 yards. □

## In reversal, New Zealand cancels Mike Tyson's visa

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) —** In a reversal, Mike Tyson has been denied entry to the country whose indigenous Maori people he says inspired his facial tattoo.

New Zealand authorities on Wednesday cancelled an entry visa for the former heavyweight boxing champion and convicted rapist, days after the prime minister spoke out against his planned visit.

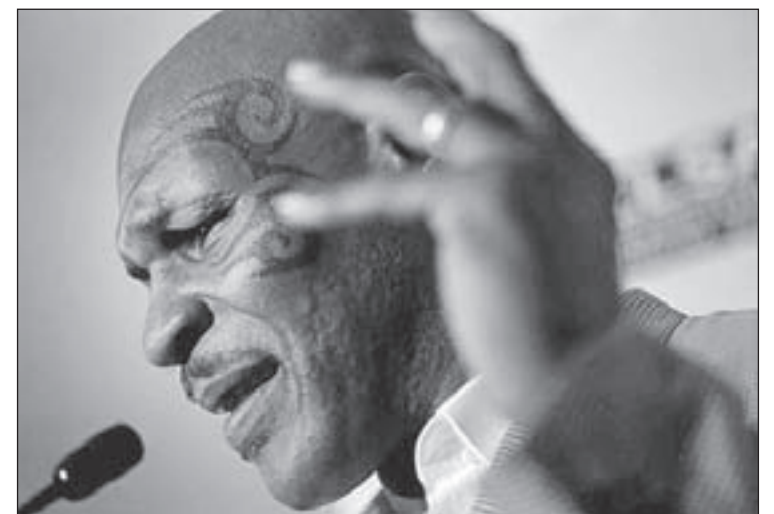
The Las Vegas celebrity had earlier been granted an exemption to New Zealand immigration rules to speak

at a November charitable event, "Day of the Champions." Tyson's 1992 rape conviction would have normally made him ineligible to enter the country.

Speaking to the APNZ news agency this week before his visa was cancelled, Tyson said his tattoo was inspired by New Zealand's indigenous Maori culture. In pre-European times, many Maori wore elaborate facial tattoos as a sign of their status in their tribe. Some Maori today who identify strongly with their traditional culture get similar tattoos.

"Other than that I've never heard of Maori people, so I'm looking forward to come down there and see them," he told the agency. Associate Immigration Minister Kate Wilkinson said in a statement Wednesday that the original decision to let Tyson enter was "a finely balanced call" and that the charity that would have benefited from his visit had now withdrawn its support.

Prime Minister John Key spoke out against the planned visit this week, questioning the decision by immigration authorities and



**In this Sept. 12, 2012 file photo, former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson speaks a press conference at the 19th Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia (CLSA) investors Forum at a hotel in Hong Kong.**

**Associated Press**

saying he personally disapproved.

Before his visa was cancelled, Tyson told APNZ: "Fortunately, I am coming

to New Zealand and there's nothing they can do about it and I'm so sorry, I'm sorry they feel disappointed and I'm just living my life." □



**American League Capsules**

# Tigers clinch AL Central title with late surge

**The Associated Press**

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)**

— Miguel Cabrera had four hits, including a homer during a five-run sixth inning, as the Detroit Tigers held off the Kansas City Royals 6-3 Monday night to clinch the AL Central title.

Gerald Laird added a bases-loaded double, Rick Porcello (10-12) pitched shut-out ball into the sixth inning and Jhonny Peralta went deep off Bruce Chen (11-14) to help Detroit reach the postseason in consecutive years for the first time since 1934-35.

After hanging over the dugout railing the entire ninth inning, the Tigers streamed onto the field and behind the pitchers' mound to celebrate their accomplishment the moment Jose Valverde got Alcides Escobar to ground out to shortstop with a runner on second for his 35th save in 40 chances.



The Tigers (87-73) will have the worst record among AL division champions, which means they'll open the playoffs Saturday at home against the division winner with the second-best mark.

Cabrera, making a run at baseball's first Triple Crown since 1967, broke a tie with Texas slugger Josh Hamilton for the major league lead in homers with his 44th, a solo shot to right.

Prince Fielder also had four hits.

YANKEES 10, RED SOX 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Robinson Cano, Curtis Granderson, Russell Martin and Mark Teixeira homered in

a nine-run second inning, and New York routed Boston to open a one-game lead over Baltimore in the AL East with two games to play.

Baltimore lost at Tampa Bay and dropped into second place, prompting cheers from the Yankee Stadium crowd when the final score was posted before the ninth inning. The Yankees, who clinched their 17th playoff berth in 18 years on Sunday, would ensure their 13th division title in 17 years by sweeping the three-game series against the Red Sox.

New York tied its record for home runs in an inning, achieving the feat for the third time. The offense backed CC Sabathia (15-6), who allowed two runs and four hits in eight innings with seven strikeouts.

Alex Rodriguez hit a sacrifice fly to end a streak of 11 games without an RBI. □

**National League Capsules**

# Nationals wrap up NL East title despite loss

**WASHINGTON (AP)**

— Thanks to strong pitching from Gio Gonzalez and Stephen Strasburg, Bryce Harper's burst of energy and Adam LaRoche's slugging, the Washington Nationals won enough from April through September that even a loss on the first day of October could not stop them from clinching the NL East.

Despite being beaten 2-0 by the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night, the Nationals earned their first division title since moving from Montreal in 2005, because the second-place Atlanta Braves lost 2-1 at the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Washington, in first since May 22, leads Atlanta by three games with two to play in the regular season. The Braves' loss finished as the top of the ninth inning ended in Washington, and the Nationals celebrated

in their dugout with hugs, high-fives and spiked gloves.

PIRATES 2, BRAVES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Atlanta Braves' hopes of winning the National League East ended with a loss to the Pirates that gave the division title to the Nationals.

The Braves, who needed to sweep the Pirates and have first-place Washington drop three games to Philadelphia to tie for the division lead, will instead be the top wild card team and host the wild card game Friday.

Starling Marte hit his sixth home run of the season and scored twice to lead the Pirates.

Atlanta managed just two hits against Pittsburgh's Jeff Locke (1-3), who picked up his first major league win. Jared Hughes worked the ninth for his second save in



**Washington Nationals right fielder Jayson Werth, center, celebrates with teammates after clutching the National League East division title following a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies in Washington, Monday, Oct. 1, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

place of regular closer Joel Hanrahan.

Paul Maholm (13-11) gave up two runs in seven innings while losing to his former team for the first time, striking out eight and walking three.

CARDINALS 4, REDS 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jaime Garcia homered off Bronson Arroyo and pitched into the seventh inning, helping the Cardinals clinch a share of the second NL wild card spot and spoil Dusty

Baker's return from a mini-stroke.

The defending World Series champions have won 11 of 14 and lead the Dodgers by two with two games to play.

Arroyo (12-10) threw 73 pitches while allowing three runs over five innings in a tuneup for the postseason. He topped 200 innings for the seventh time but is 0-3 in his last four starts.

The Reds are 96-64, tied with the Nationals for the

best record in the National League with two games to go, and must finish ahead of Washington to get home-field advantage throughout the postseason after losing the season series.

DODGERS 3, GIANTS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elian Herrera singled in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Dodgers to a victory over the Giants that kept their postseason hopes alive.

The Dodgers' sixth consecutive victory tied a season high and kept them two games behind St. Louis for the second NL wild card. Their win prevented the Cardinals from clinching a playoff berth. The Dodgers and Cardinals each have two games remaining.

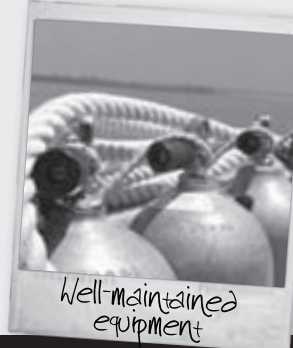
Hanley Ramirez led off the ninth with a single off Santiago Casilla (7-6), advanced on a sacrifice by Shane Victorino and was held up at third on Luis Cruz's single. A.J. Ellis was intentionally walked and Herrera lined an 0-1 pitch off the glove of second baseman Marco Scutaro for the winning run. □



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# Murray wins opener in Japan Open title defense

**JACK GALLAGHER**

**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Andy Murray opened the defense of his Japan Open title by beating Ivo Karlovic of Croatia 7-6 (7), 6-4 in the first round on Tuesday. Murray withstood 17 aces from Karlovic at Ariake Colosseum. Gael Monfils of France, who was scheduled to be Murray's opponent, withdrew with a right knee injury he aggravated in Beijing last week, and was replaced by lucky loser Karlovic. Monfils is returning to Paris to have the knee examined. Despite having break points in the first and seventh games, Murray was unable to capitalize.

Playing for the first time since winning the U.S. Open last month, Murray admitted it was not easy against the towering Karlovic. "Playing against him you know it is going to be uncomfortable," Murray said. "He is a tricky player." Murray, who bested Karlovic in the first round at Wimbledon, uncorked three consecutive aces in the eighth game to level at 4-4. With both players unable to break serve, Murray finally prevailed 9-7 in the tiebreak with a forehand passing shot down the line, after saving a set point when he was down 7-6. Karlovic, who had 12 aces in the set, squandered a chance to go up

6-3 in the tiebreak when he double-faulted. Murray, who won the gold medal at the London Olympics, took an injury timeout following the first set after appearing to injure his back early in the match. "It feels fine now," Murray said of the twinge. "After not playing for a while, then to start making sudden, aggressive movements, it can happen. By the middle of the second set I was fine." The second set was on serve until the 10th game, when Murray went up 0-40 with Karlovic serving. The Croat saved two match points, but sent a forehand long on the third to give Murray the victory. Murray said his priorities have changed following his first Grand Slam victory. "I have reset my goals," he said. "Winning a Grand Slam was so important to me that I was often focus-



Andy Murray of Britain returns the ball against Ivo Karlovic of Croatia during their first round match of the Japan Open tennis championships in Tokyo, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012.

Associated Press

# Djokovic, Tsonga win in China

**BEIJING (AP)** — Novak Djokovic won his opening match at the China Open by defeating German qualifier Michael Berrer 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-2 on Tuesday in his first match since losing the U.S. Open final. The Serb is a two-time winner in Beijing and remained undefeated at the tournament after converting both his break points in the third set, and holding his own serve throughout the match. Third-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga also advanced by beating Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3) with the help of 14 aces, while Russia's Mikhail You-

zhny beat seventh-seeded Tommy Haas of Germany 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. In other first-round matches, Nikolay Davydenko defeated qualifier Alex Bogomolov Jr. 7-5, 6-1 in an all-Russian matchup, Jurgen Melzer of Austria hit 12 aces to beat Pablo Andujar of Spain 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (3), and Andreas Seppi of Italy advanced when Julien Benneteau of France had to retire with an injury to his right arm while trailing 6-1, 2-0. In the second round of the women's tournament, top-ranked Victoria Azarenka and No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska both advanced with straight-set victories. □

ing on the next Grand Slam rather than the next match or tournament. That is going to be different now." In other action, sixth-seeded Milos Raonic of Canada defeated Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-4, while eighth-seeded Kei Nishikori of Japan ousted compatriot Go Soeda

4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Tommy Robredo of Spain topped Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 6-2, 6-4, while Jeremy Chardy of France downed wild card Yuichi Sugita of Japan 6-1, 7-5. Qualifier Dmitry Tursunov of Russia dispatched Bernard Tomic of Australia 6-4, 7-5. □

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**By: Dr Carlos Viana**

When a new patient comes to me, I evaluate their medical tests, but I begin by observing them the way my Uncle Julio use to look at his land. Julio was a farmer who was considered in his native Portugal, a soil expert. During my childhood I had the opportunity to travel with my Uncle as he appraised land. Uncle Julio showed me there is no "bad" land, just land that is better suited to grow different crops. For example, green peppers needed rich, dark, organic rich soil. If you try to grow grapes in this soil, you get mushy, tasteless grapes. Grapes need poor, rocky ground to produce wine quality grapes. I learned that all soil can be good for growing; however different soil produces different plants. Now, just like Uncle Julio, I check to see what your body is good for growing, healthy cells or diseased cells.

In conventional medicine we have different theories about how we get or "grow" diseased cells. Louis Pasteur, known for the food Pasteurization process, developed the medical Germ Theory. The Germ Theory says that something outside the body, bacteria, virus, and pollution causes disease.

Another biologist, Antoine Béchamp, disagreed with Pasteur; Béchamp maintained that bacteria are not the cause of, but the result of disease. This has also been

called the Cellular Disease Theory, and is the premise of Natural Medicine. Natural Medicine states that disease starts in an unhealthy cell. Like the environment of the land, the environment of your body can grow health or disease.

Common environmental factors that contribute to disease are unhealthy food choices, obesity, infections, radiation, stress, lack of physical activity, and pollutants. According to medical research, cancers are primarily an environmental disease with 90-95% of cases attributed to environmental factors and only 5-10% due to genetics! All of us are exposed in some way to many of these causes, yet one man in two and one woman in three will develop cancer. Why is it then that some people get cancer while others do not?

All lifestyle choices change the environment of your body. It may not be easy to change our entire environment. Toxins seem to be everywhere these days, but most of us are lucky enough to be able to choose clean water and good food to support our body. What happens if your food choices are less than healthy though?

Our cells need clean water and good nutrition to produce energy to grow and reproduce more healthy cells. Without proper water and food, a cell cannot produce an adequate amount of energy. Without this energy, water that has become salty from collecting waste from the body enters the cell causing swelling. This swell-

ing often of legs and feet is known as edema. Edema is an indication that an unhealthy body environment is developing.

The salt water in the cell pushes the cell's calcium and phosphorus out into the blood vessels. This loss of important minerals from our bone cells and escaped or "free" calcium (not cholesterol) in the blood builds up inside blood vessels as arteriosclerosis, then heart disease develops.

The free calcium can enter your joints, producing joint pain and inflammation. With increased calcium in the blood, heart rhythm becomes irregular and finally, without adequate oxygen being pumped by the heart and glucose from good nutrition to produce more energy, the cell begins to die.

Cells die every day. However, if too many cells die too fast, organs and muscles deteriorate.

In some cases, poor environment together with poor lifestyle habits will "turn off" you cell's natural switch which tells it to die when it is not healthy. If your cell's switch is turned off, it changes your cell, so that it eats more and grows rapidly.

Cancer cells do not wait for glucose to naturally get in the cell, but eat the glucose right out of your blood which drains energy from the body. It is nearly impossible to prove exactly what caused cancer in any individual, because most cancers have many potential causes. For example, if a person who uses tobacco

heavily develops lung cancer, then it was probably caused by the tobacco use maybe together with other environmental problems. Since everyone has a small chance of developing lung cancer as a result of air pollution or radiation, then there is a tiny chance that the smoker's lung cancer actually developed because of air pollution or radiation.

Whatever outside environmental problems we come into contact with daily, if we want to be as healthy as possible, we need to do our best to create an inside environment that promotes good health. Starting with drinking clean water daily to cleanse and hydrate our body. Next, choose foods good for your metabolic or blood type. Everyone should stay away from heavily processed, unnatural foods. Eat as many fresh fruits and vegetables as possible. Cook with a small amount of healthy fats, like olive oil or clarified butter.

Avoid cow's milk and milk products. Too much calcium in the blood is made worse by milk, milk products and calcium medications and even natural supplements. For a more "cell friendly" easily processed calcium intake, healthy food choices include dark green vegetables, sardines, brown rice or quinoa.

Have your free calcium and phosphorus tested to see if you are losing bone minerals and risking calcium deposits on arteries, veins and in joints. Supplement with magnesium and boron not calcium! Of course my

other basic supplements for good health always include vitamin C, zinc and lecithin. A hair analysis, available at our clinic can detect toxic heavy metal build up which needs to be safely cleaned from your body.

Get The Point! Louis Pasteur's on his deathbed is alleged to have said - "Bernard was right; the pathogen is nothing; the terrain is everything." When you nourish your body with what it needs to rebuild and clean itself you are making your body a host with for growing health. Make an appointment to have an expert assess your inner environment.

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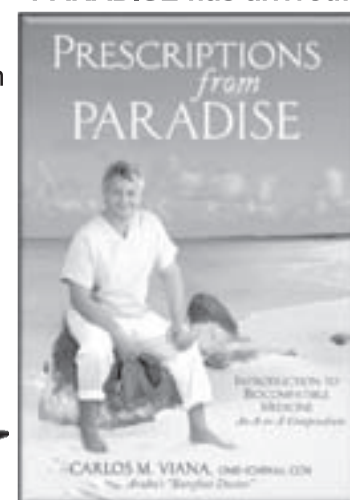
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## Microsoft: settlement reached in botnet case

**RICHARD LARDNER**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Microsoft says it has settled a computer-fraud case against a website operated by a Chinese businessman that had become a major hub for illicit Internet activity. The software company announced Tuesday that Peng Yong, the registered owner of 3322.org, has agreed to work with Microsoft and China's computer emergency response team to prevent cybercriminals from using the domain. 3322.org served as home base for the Nitel botnet and more than 500 other types of malware, Microsoft officials said in documents filed in federal court last month. Peng will steer any infected traffic from 3322.org to a special computer called a sinkhole that will be managed by Chinese authorities, according to the agreement. Peng initially denied the allegations in the lawsuit, which Microsoft said it dropped after reaching the settlement. □

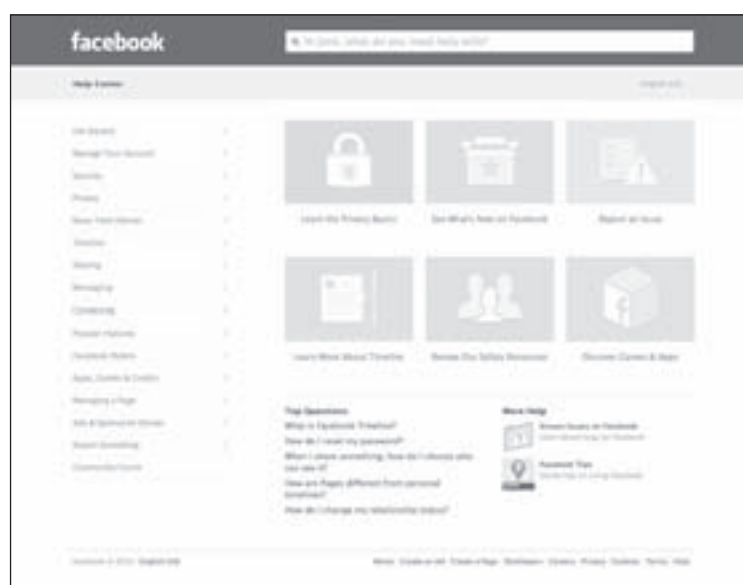


## Facebook revamps its help center

**BARBARA ORTUTAY**  
**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook's redesigned help center aims to make it easier for users to navigate and find what they need help with on the site or its mobile applications. Though it's only fully accessible on Facebook's website, the new help center is designed to look and feel more like a mobile app, said Terry Guo, product manager at the Menlo Park, California-based social media company. Finding answers has also been streamlined so that what might have taken five clicks of a mouse on the old

help center will now take three or fewer, Guo said. Instead of loading individual Web pages for new topics, for example, topics and answers to questions slide in and out when you click on them, which is faster. The new help center will appear on users' pages on Tuesday. Users will see large icons representing six main topics, such as privacy basics, reporting problems or learning more about Timeline, the new profile page on Facebook. For people looking for help with a specific problem, the help center's search feature scans more than 5,000 "frequently asked ques-



This image provided by facebook shows the website's redesigned help center, developed to make it easier to navigate and find what you need help with on the site or its mobile applications. Associated Press

## Rdio to pay artists \$10 per new subscriber

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Music subscription service Rdio is looking to dispel the notion that streaming services underpay artists for their work. Starting Tuesday, it will start paying musicians \$10 for every person they convince through social media to sign up for an Rdio plan. The move is an attempt to attract users in a field that has seen tough competition from the likes of Sweden's Spotify and Rhapsody in the U.S. Subscription music services are gaining in popularity. For \$10 a month, they allow users to stream an unlimited number of songs on mobile devices. Users can select from millions of tracks, including those off the latest

albums. But some prominent artists like Adele and Coldplay have kept their newest work off the services for months because of fears that easy access will hurt album sales. Some artists have complained that the royalties per stream amount to just fractions of a penny per play. Rdio CEO Drew Lerner said the new bounty is a "win-win" for artists, fans, and the company itself. "This hits the compensation issue, but also fan engagement as well," he said. A few artists have signed up for the plan already, including Snoop Lion, the rapper-cum-Rastafarian formerly known as Snoop Dogg. Other artists getting



Snoop Dogg (aka Snoop Lion) performs at the Paramount Theatre on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 in Huntington, N.Y. Associated Press

involved from the get-go include Scissor Sisters, A-Trak, Chromeo and Brendan Benson. □

tions" to suggest answers on everything from reporting spam and changing a relationship status to managing public pages. Facebook said it's also working on tailoring the help center to individuals. So if a user visits it without logging in to Facebook, he or she might see information about creating a new password. Eventually it'll add more scenarios. In addition to the revamped help center, Facebook is rolling out its "support dashboard" to all users worldwide. Located in "account settings," this feature, launched in April, lets users check the status of pages, photos or posts they may have reported to the company as abusive, containing spam or for another reason. □

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# Stocks waver on Spain, Mosaic miss

**MATTHEW CRAFT**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mixed signals on the world economy tugged on major stock indexes Tuesday. The largest U.S. fertilizer company, Mosaic, said weak demand from China and India have hurt its profits. Mosaic, Dupont and stocks of other companies in the materials industry fell. But utilities and health care stocks, where investors often retreat in a slow-growing economy, helped pull the Standard & Poor's 500 index above the break-even mark. The S&P 500 index gained 1.26 to close at 1,445.75. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 32.75 points to 13,482.36. Dupont led the Dow lower,

sinking 86 cents to \$49.50. The market could remain quiet until the government gives its monthly jobs report on Friday, said Paul Zemsky, chief investment officer of multi-asset strategies at ING Investment Management. Economists expect the unemployment rate increased to 8.2 percent in September from 8.1 percent in August. Zemsky said a surprise swing up or down "could change the direction of the stock market and the Presidential election." Indexes took a turn lower at midday after Spain's prime minister said that he's not preparing a request for a bailout loan. Traders have been anticipating that the Spanish government would ask

for help for nearly a month. Spain needs to ask for money from Europe's bailout fund before the European Central Bank can start buying Spanish government bonds. Mosaic reported net income and sales early Tuesday that fell short of analysts' estimates. The company blamed slumping demand for its fertilizer overseas as well as hurricanes for slower production. The results pushed the company's stock down \$2.25 to \$55.76. In other trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 6.51 points to 3,120.04.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note slipped to 1.61 percent from 1.63 percent late Monday after Spain's prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, said a bailout request wasn't coming. European markets closed slightly lower before Rajoy spoke. Benchmark stock indexes fell 0.3 percent in Germany, 0.2 percent in Britain and 0.6 percent in France. Borrowing costs fell for Spain



**Trader Andrew Silverman, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Mixed signals on the world economy tugged on major stock indexes Tuesday. The largest U.S. fertilizer company, Mosaic, said weak demand from China and India have hurt its profits.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## San Nicolas do not cry anymore



**Pa: Roland W. Peterson**

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Things will come back like before

Yes again the big flame,  
that once was our beacon,  
is there no more

Again we are waiting  
for the rebound  
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the same enthusiasm  
they will work on the town

Yesterday we did say: "yes we can"  
Today we say: "yes we did"

So San Nicolas do not cry anymore  
We will overcome for sure.

## T-Mobile USA in talks to buy MetroPCS

**PETER SVENSSON**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The parent of cellphone company T-Mobile USA on Tuesday

a deal.

T-Mobile USA is the country's fourth-largest cellphone company, with 33.2 million subscribers.



**The parent of cellphone company T-Mobile USA on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2012, said it's in talks to buy smaller MetroPCS Communications Inc., a deal that could shore up two struggling smaller players in the U.S. wireless industry.**

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

said it's in talks to buy smaller MetroPCS Communications Inc., a deal that could shore up two struggling smaller players in the U.S. wireless industry.

Deutsche Telekom AG, the German company that owns T-Mobile USA, said "significant issues have not yet been finalized" and no decision has been made on

Adding the 9.3 million subscribers of Dallas-based MetroPCS, the industry's No. 5, would still leave T-Mobile trailing No. 3 Sprint Nextel Corp.

However, the deal would give T-Mobile access to more space on the airwaves, a critical factor as cellphone carriers try to expand their capacity for

and Italy. Most car makers reported better sales for September. But sales for U.S. automakers were mostly flat. General Motors reported a slight increase in sales from a year earlier, but its stock gained 3 percent after the hedge-fund manager David Einhorn recommended it. GM rose 59 cents to \$23.68. Core Logic, a private provider of real estate data, said U.S. home prices in August rose 4.6 percent compared with the same month last year. Prices also rose 0.3 percent from July, the sixth consecutive month of gains. Other gauges of the housing market have improved in recent months, including home sales. □



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**US holiday sales  
 seen rising 4.1%**

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 AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Americans are expected to spend more during what's traditionally the busiest shopping season of the year, but they're not exactly ready to shop 'til they drop like they have been in the past two years.

The National Retail Federation, the largest U.S. retail trade group, said Tuesday that it expects sales during the winter holiday shopping period in November and December to rise 4.1 percent this year. That's more than a percentage point lower than the growth in each of the past two years, and the smallest increase since 2009 when sales were up just 0.3 percent.

The projections are an important indicator for retailers that depend on the last two months of the year for up to 40 percent of their annual sales. But the estimates also offer valuable insight for economists who closely watch consumer spending, which accounts for up to 70 percent of economic activity.

The holiday shopping season is one gauge of not only the shopping habits, but also the mindset of the average American during what has turned out to be a slow and uneven economic recovery. Right now, people are feeling better about rising home prices and a rebounding stock market, but job growth is still weak and prices for everything from food to gas are higher. At the same time, there's uncertainty about who the next president will be and some Americans worry that the U.S. debt crisis could lead to another recession. □

**Home prices, auto sales help buoy U.S. economy**

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. economy is looking more resilient, thanks in part to encouraging signs for the two most expensive purchases most Americans make: cars and homes.

Cheap loans and a bounty of fuel-efficient models enticed Americans to buy new vehicles at a brisk pace last

Barack Obama, who faces off with Republican challenger Mitt Romney on Wednesday in an economy-focused debate just five weeks ahead of the election.

Despite the brightening auto and housing industries, the broader American economy is still struggling. It grew at a meager 1.3 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. Most economists foresee little

fall into recession.

Yet many Americans appear to be looking past the economy's troubles. Surveys by the private Conference Board and the University of Michigan show that while consumers are anxious about current conditions, they're more optimistic about the future.

That helps explain why Americans are expected to step up spending during this year's holiday shopping season. The National Retail Federation, the largest retail trade group, predicts sales will rise 4.1 percent. That's less than in each of the past two years but more than the average growth over the past

10. And it extends a growth trend that began after holiday sales sank 4.4 percent in 2008 in the midst of the recession.

Increased consumer confidence is also a factor in this year's auto sales gains. On Tuesday, automakers reported solid increases in September. Total sales for the month are expected to exceed 1.1 million vehicles, up 11 percent from September 2011.

Analysts expect sales to total about 14.3 million this year, up from 12.8 million last year. Sales peaked at 17 million in 2005 before hitting a 30-year low of 10.4 million during the recession in 2009. □



**Mercedes SUV bodies are seen during a tour of the SKD packaging facility at BLG Logistics, Inc. in Vance, Ala. The U.S. economy is looking more resilient than many had thought, thanks in part to rising auto sales and another year-over-year surge in home prices on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012.**

(AP Photo/Tuscaloosa News, Dusty Compton)

month. And the nation enjoyed another year-over-year surge in home prices in August — a sign that the housing industry is making a sustained comeback.

Both trends reflect rising confidence in the economy. They show that more families are replacing aging cars, more homeowners are deciding to sell and more would-be buyers are concluding that a home is a good investment.

Two surveys last week also reported improving consumer confidence.

The apparent progress could benefit President

strengthening the rest of the year.

Hiring remains too sluggish to reduce high unemployment, which is at 8.1 percent. The manufacturing sector is struggling to grow consistently. Workers' pay is lagging inflation. A dismal European economy has cut demand for U.S. exports.

And the economy remains at risk of falling off a "fiscal cliff" early next year. That's when tax increases and deep spending cuts take effect unless Congress reaches a budget deal. If those measures do take effect, the economy could

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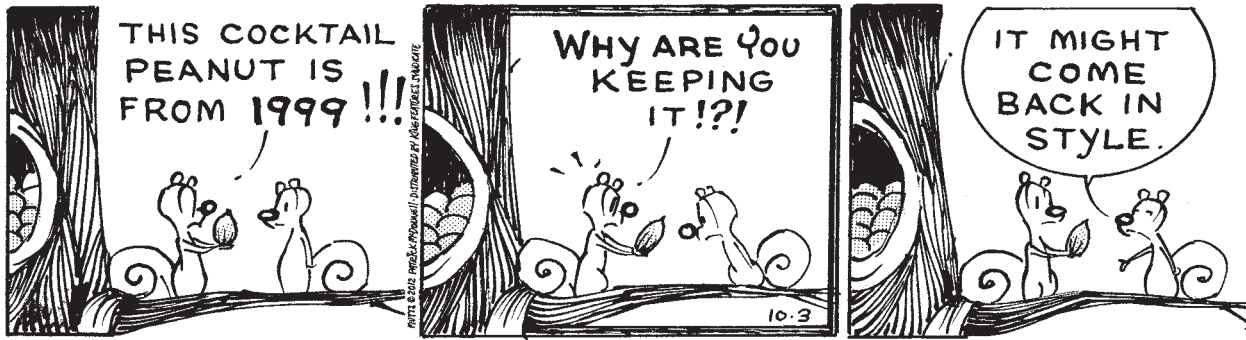


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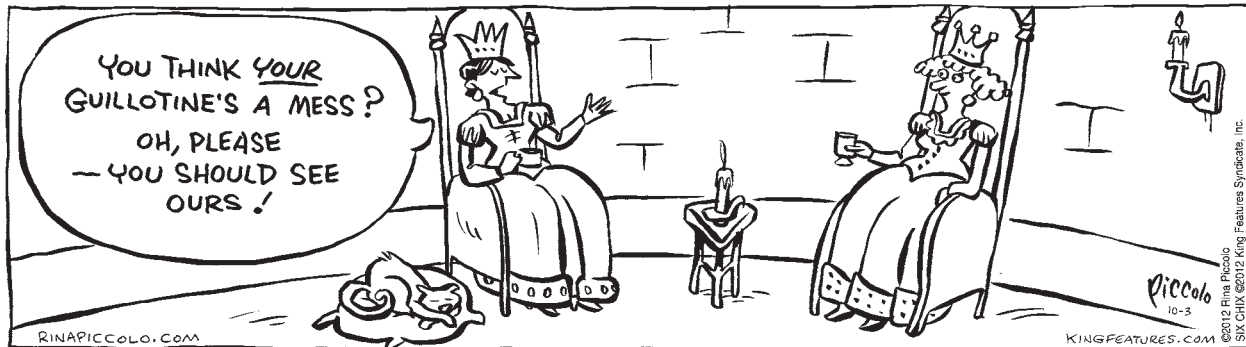




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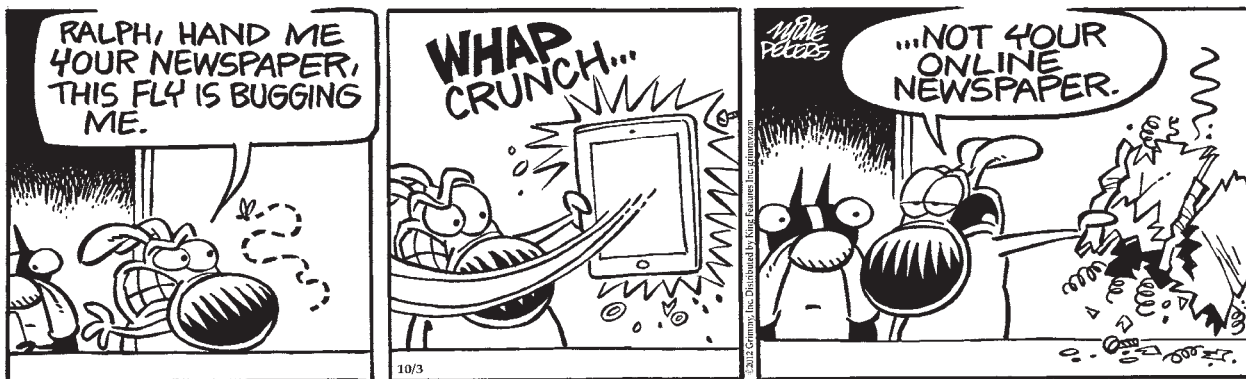
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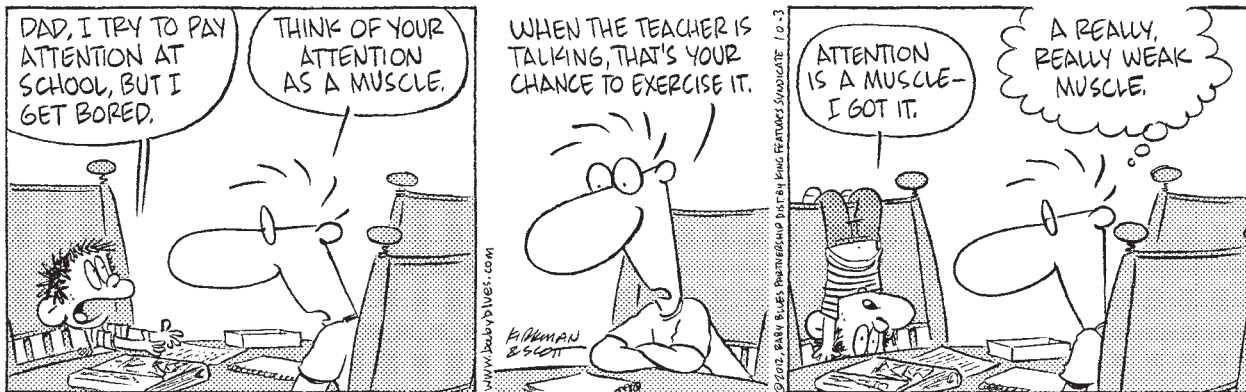
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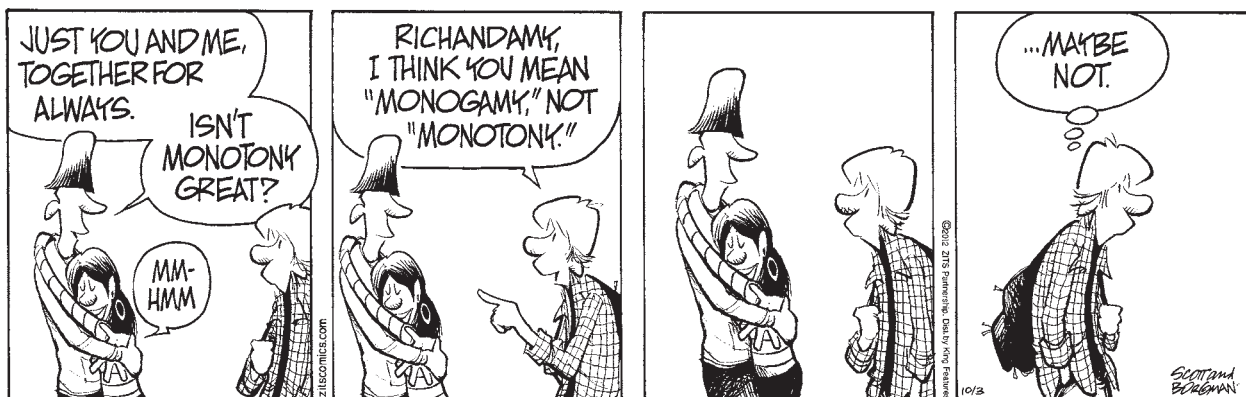
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Conceptis Sudoku

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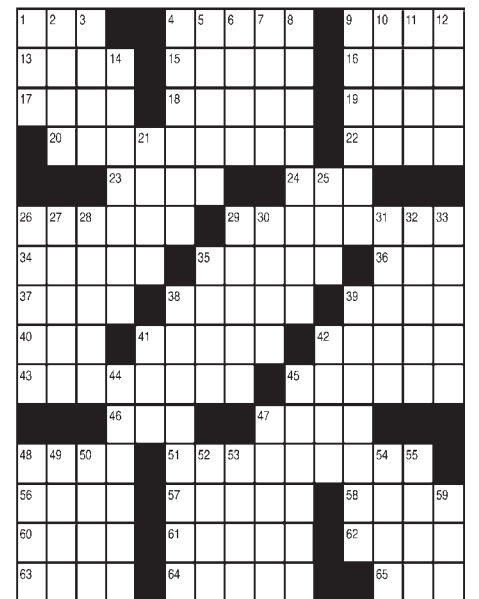
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ACROSS

- 1 St. Joan of
- 4 Accepts
- 9 Leave out
- 13 Not far away
- 15 Tiny pimienta-stuffed fruit
- 16 U.S. space flight agcy.
- 17 Knighted woman's title
- 18 Strength
- 19 Rogers or Geer
- 20 Benumbing
- 22 Actor Baldwin
- 23 Take a fancy to
- 24 Hearing organ
- 26 Spit
- 29 Residents of an African nation
- 34 Staring
- 35 Artist's purchase
- 36 Haul
- 37 one's time; wait patiently
- 38 "What's your \_\_\_?"; question to the rambling
- 39 Not taped
- 40 Perpendicular add-on
- 41 Nudges
- 42 Used an emery board
- 43 Goes in again
- 45 \_\_\_ and bustle; commotion
- 46 Neighbor of Canada: abbr.
- 47 Majority
- 48 Long story
- 51 Washing
- 56 Common metal
- 57 TV's \_\_\_ Mandel
- 58 Fiddling emperor
- 60 Zn in the lab
- 61 Prime Minister Anthony and actress Barbara
- 62 Equipment
- 63 Border
- 64 Bowling alley button
- 65 Recolor



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DOWN

- 1 Conjunction
- 2 Peruse
- 3 Arrived
- 4 Kansas' capital
- 5 On one's own
- 6 Flightless New Zealand bird
- 7 \_\_\_ if; although
- 8 Corporal's superior
- 9 "\_\_\_, Christian Soldiers"
- 10 USPS delivery
- 11 \_\_\_ of Wight
- 12 Powder
- 14 Become fully aware of
- 21 Headfirst lunge
- 25 Social insect
- 26 Curved sword
- 27 Spry; graceful
- 28 Soup server
- 29 Sudden attacks
- 30 Is victorious
- 31 Leaning
- 32 Work of fiction
- 33 Resident of Stockholm, e.g.
- 35 Penniless
- 38 Sermon giver
- 39 Itemizing instrument
- 42 Complain
- 44 Subtle variation
- 45 Truthful
- 47 Northeastern U.S. state
- 48 S, M, L or XL
- 49 Extremely dry
- 50 Saucer-shaped instrument
- 52 Ore deposit
- 53 Lamb bearers
- 54 Requirement
- 55 Hair color
- 59 Ida's neighbor

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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# Swiss cows send text to announce they're in heat

JOHN TAGLIABUE

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ZOLLIKOFEN, Switzerland –

When Christian Oesch was a boy on his family's hog farm, cellphones were a thing of the future. Now, Oesch tends a herd of dairy cattle and carries a smart-phone wherever he goes. Occasionally he gets an SMS from one of his cows. That is because Oesch, 60, who cares for a herd of 44 Red Holstein and Jersey dairy cows, is helping to test a device that implants sensors in cows to let farmers know when they are in heat. When that is the case, the device sends an SMS to the farmer's phone. The Swiss do not settle for half measures: The SMS can be in any one of Switzerland's three main languages – German, French and Italian – plus English or Spanish.

If there is anything to be learned from this project, which will bring the devices to market early next year, it is that Heidi's world of goats – or cows – placidly grazing in Alpine meadows is gradually becoming the stuff of storybooks.

The electronic heat detector is the brainchild of several professors at a technical college in the nearby Swiss capital of Bern. It fills a market gap, they say, because dairy cows, under growing stress to produce larger quantities of milk, are showing fewer and fewer signs of heat. That makes it harder for Swiss farmers to use traditional visual inspections to know when to bring on the bull or, in about 80 percent of the cases these days, the artificial inseminator.

The sensor implanted in the genitals of Fiona or Bella (favorite names for Swiss cows) measures body heat, then transmits the result to a sensor affixed to the cow's neck that measures body motion. (Cows in heat become restless.) "The results are combined, using algorithms, and if the cow is in heat an SMS is sent to the farmer," said Claude Briemann, a computer specialist who helped design the system. The detector on the cow's neck is

equipped with a SIM card so the farmer can pay for the calls.

"Our recognition rate is about 90 percent," Briemann said.

about the stressful lives of Swiss cows. It also prompts skepticism among dairy farmers, who are startled by its cost, which is expected to be at least \$1,400 per



**Cows graze in a pasture near apartments in Muri bei Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 18, 2012. A device to alert farmers when a cow is sexually active is being tested because the visual signs are harder to detect on the country's increasingly stressed cows. (Daniel Auf Der Mauer/The New York Times)**

The device, known as a heat detector, raises concerns among animal rights advocates, not so much because of its intrusiveness in the private parts of the cow – its use involves inserting a thermometer with a tiny transmitter and antenna in the cow's genitals – but because of what it says

unit. "Will it bring anything financially?" asked Ulrich Tschanz, 76, who raised Red Holsteins in the neighboring town of Oberlin-dach, where the clanking of cow bells is everywhere, until he turned over his herd of 40 cows to his son some years ago. "Always keep an eye on your cows, keep

an eye on them," he added. "That's the best." But experts say measures taken to increase milk production – adding proteins, minerals and vitamins to their feed – upset the cows' metabolism, making the device increasingly necessary. "With greater productivity there is a drop in reproductive activity," said Samuel Kohler, a veterinarian who is among the developers of the device and now serves on the board of the company, called Anemon, that hopes to sell it. Few people anywhere are as sensitive to animal rights as the Swiss, who have some of the toughest animal rights laws in the world. A comprehensive law enacted four years ago, for instance, obliges dog owners to take a course on the proper treatment of their pet and requires that certain animals deemed social, like guinea pigs or canaries, have one or more companions in captivity. (Even the Swiss have their limits. In 2010, voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposed law that would have appointed free lawyers to represent animals in abuse cases.) □

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# Ben Affleck: Republicans 'had a chance'

RYAN PEARSON  
AP Entertainment Writer  
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Ben Affleck is comparing U.S. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney to past campaign losers Al Gore, Michael Dukakis and Bob Dole. But the actor and director, who has been outspoken in support of Democratic causes in the



**Musician Dave Grohl and the Foo Fighters perform at the Global Citizen Festival in Central Park on Saturday Sept. 29, 2012 in New York.**  
Associated Press

## Dave Grohl : Foo Fighters are taking a break

NEW YORK (AP) — Dave Grohl says his band Foo Fighters is officially taking a break.

Grohl sent an open letter Tuesday calling the band "my life," but noting "it's a good thing for all of us to go away for a while."

Grohl told fans Saturday at the Global Citizen Festival he didn't know when the band would play together again. He affirmed that in the letter.

He created Foo Fighters in 1994 after his time as the drummer in Nirvana. The band has been one of rock 'n' roll's most enduring critical and commercial successes, winning 11 Grammys, including five earlier this year.

Grohl says he's now focused on his forthcoming Sound City documentary and album. □

past, also doesn't offer full-throated support for President Barack Obama.

"I voted for Obama last time although he got to be all things to all people then," Affleck said in an interview to promote his new film "Argo." "And now he's got a record which makes it really different ... I obviously have more complicated feelings."

Affleck says Romney's inability to connect with everyday Americans is reminiscent of past failed candidates.

"I think Republicans really had a chance to win," Affleck said. "And they kind of ended up with like a sort of Mike Dukakis, Al Gore, Bob Dole type — who just couldn't get people to see him as a real person somehow. Romney just had such trouble coming off as just like the kind of person you see at the grocery store.



**U.S. actor and film director, Ben Affleck gestures to the media during the photo call to promote his film "Argo", at the 60th San Sebastian Film Festival Cinema in San Sebastian northern Spain, Saturday Sept. 22, 2012.**  
Associated Press

And I truly believe that has cost him the election."

"It seems quite unlikely at least if you look at the statistics that he's going to pull it out. I think something happens in presidential politics where there's negative mo-

mentum. You start making mistakes and then all your advisers tell you, 'You've got to raise your arms more!' 'You've got to talk deeper.' So people just get into becoming robotic."

Affleck's "Argo," in theatres

Oct. 12, chronicles a joint effort by the CIA and the Canadian government to rescue six Americans from Tehran after the U.S. embassy was taken over by Islamist militants in 1978.

Affleck, who has done lobbying in Washington and visited Africa several times for various causes, doesn't sound much of an optimistic note whatever the outcome in November.

"The world is a very tricky place in terms of foreign affairs. And really, really we're in very bad shape economically," he said. "My worry is less about the presidential election than whether or not we're on a permanent downtrend. That really concerns me. Beyond the Obama administration and whoever the next — the Clinton administration — whoever gets elected next. That's my main concern." □

# Zoinks! Cartoon Network celebrates 20 years

JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.  
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — It's been a long, strange 20 years for the Cartoon Network, which has flourished during a time when animation traced its way from the likes of "Scooby-Doo" to the racy, trippy fare now shown on Adult Swim.

The network is celebrating itself all month with on-air tributes, starting with a video released Monday that features more than 100 characters that have appeared on the channel coming together in a rave-like dance party.

When the network launched on Oct. 1, 1992, it aired around-the-clock cartoons including those from the Hanna-Barbera library — which includes "The Flintstones" and "The Jetsons" — at a time when ratings for morning cartoons were dropping and "The Simpsons" was making its mark in prime time. Many thought Ted Turner's idea to start the network was "crazy," said Robert Sorcher, who worked there for its first five years. He said critics didn't understand



**This undated image released by Cartoon Network shows the logo for the cartoon channel. The network is celebrating its 20th anniversary all month with on-air tributes, starting with a video released Monday that features more than 100 characters that have appeared on the channel.**  
Associated Press

Turner Broadcasting Systems' \$320 million purchase of the Hanna-Barbera library or earlier acquisition of the MGM film library, which includes "Tom & Jerry." "It was not clear to everyone how this was going to be a successful network," said Sorcher, now the network's chief content officer.

But Turner believed Cartoon Network could fill a void and cater to both children and adults. Original productions began in 1994 with "Space Ghost Coast to Coast," which led to several other original series that became popular including "The Powerpuff Girls," "Dexter's Laboratory,"

"Courage the Cowardly Dog" and "Johnny Bravo." For more than 10 years, Adult Swim has featured mature content late at night. And shows such as the Emmy Award-winning "Regular Show," "Ben 10" and "Adventure Time" have become mainstays of the network. □





This Oct. 13, 2008 file photo shows David Blaine attending a Cinema Society and Dolce Gabbana hosted special screening of "Fifth and Wisdom" in New York.

Associated Press

## David Blaine goes high voltage with latest stunt

ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — David Blaine is spending the days leading up to his next stunt laying low and fasting.

He needs the rest.

Beginning Friday, Blaine will spend three days and three nights standing in the middle of a million volts of electric currents streamed by coils.

The feat is called "Electrified: One Million Volts Always On" and takes place at Pier 54 in New York City.

The 39-year-old will wear a chainmail bodysuit as a barrier between him and the electric currents. He will wear a wire helmet and protection for his eyes and ears. He won't be able to eat but will have a tube for water in and another for water out, so to speak.

The stunt will be open to the public and streamed online. □

## Christine Ebersole cast in 'Wolf of Wall Street'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Christine Ebersole and Leonardo DiCaprio are going to be family in the Martin Scorsese film "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Talent agency APA said Tuesday the Tony-winning Ebersole will play DiCaprio's mother in the drama. The film is based on a New York stockbroker's memoir of his rise and fall.

Ebersole, who plays a mom in the TBS comedy "Sullivan & Son," is on the big screen next in "The Big Wedding" with Robert De Niro, Amanda Seyfried and Katherine Heigl.

Ebersole is a two-time Tony winner for the Broadway musicals "Grey Gardens" and "42nd Street." □



This undated publicity image provided by the APA talent agency shows Tony-award winning actress Christine Ebersole. Ebersole is joining the cast of Martin Scorsese's film "The Wolf of Wall Street." Associated Press

## Items from Charley Pride's life set for National museum



Country music legend Charley Pride smiles for a portrait at his recording studio in Dallas, Texas, Monday, Sept. 24, 2012. The Smithsonian has selected Pride to be part of the new National Museum of African American History and Culture opening in 2015 with Pride giving the museum items from his life.

Associated Press

JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

**DALLAS (AP)** — Growing up the son of sharecroppers in Mississippi, Charley Pride developed a love of country music that propelled him into a legendary career as one of its biggest stars.

Now, items donated by Pride from throughout his life will become part of the Smithsonian's upcoming National Museum of African American History and Culture, set to open in 2015. A gala reception will be held Wednesday in Pride's hometown of Dallas to celebrate the museum gift, which includes a pair of Pride's boots, one of his guitars and his Country Music Association male vocalist of the year award from 1971.

"Obviously, the one thing that stands out to people is that Charley Pride was country music's first black superstar. But what he was trying to do was play the music that he liked and entertain his audiences," said Dwan Reece, the museum's curator of music and performing arts. "His links to country music are just as natural as Loretta Lynn's. This is his childhood. This is the music that he knows."

Pride said that while it was difficult to part with some of the items, it's nice to know

that they will be in the museum where he can always go visit.

As the museum began acquiring its collection of items documenting African-American life, art, history and culture, Reece said there was "no question" that Pride's was an important story to tell.

"One of the things we want to express in the exhibit is that African-Americans have a history in all kinds of music," Reece said. "I'm not sure everybody would expect us to have a section on country music."

Once the museum opens, items from Pride's life will join a collection that also will represent music artists including Louis Armstrong, James Brown, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne and Michael Jackson.

Reece said Pride's rise to fame during the civil rights movement of the 1960s is among many interesting threads to his story.

"He's a great example of a man transcending the barriers of race who was accepted by audiences because he was a good country singer," she said.

Pride, who at 78 is still touring and heads to Ireland this month and the United Kingdom next month, said he never had trouble from audiences over his race. "I

never had one iota of hoot calls from the audience," Pride said.

However, he did recall a 1966 performance when a crowd of 10,000 at Detroit's Olympia Stadium — the biggest audience of his career at that point — grew quiet upon seeing that the fledgling country singer was black.

"I said, 'You know, I realize it's a little unique me coming out here on a country music show wearing this permanent tan.' When I said that there was this big old applause — saying exactly what they were thinking," Pride said.

He told the crowd he would play his three singles and maybe a hit from another singer, but that "I ain't got time to talk about pigmentation all night."

After the show, fans lined up to get his autograph. "That's the way it's been for the last 40 some years," he said.

Pride, who grew up in a family of 11 children in Sledge, Mississippi, first had his sights set on a career in Major League Baseball. He played in the Negro American League and Pioneer League before country singers Red Sovine and Red Foley heard him performing in Montana — where Pride was working at a smelting plant and playing for the plant ball team — and told him he needed to go to Nashville, Tennessee.

He eventually made it to Nashville and recorded a demo that RCA Records liked. "They decided to sign me and there's history looking at you right now," Pride said.

"I've been singing all my life. I heard a song I'd like, I'd just sing it, not realizing that I was preparing myself for this, but here I am," he said. "People liked my singing and once they got me on record, a whole bunch of people liked me."

Pride, who has won three Grammy Awards and had dozens of No. 1 hits, also is donating albums, cassettes and CDs of his music to the museum collection. □



# 40 Days Of Night



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Mitt Romney is losing badly. And he has only himself to blame. Not only is he trailing President Barack Obama in almost every national poll, he's trailing in almost every poll of swing states. What is the Republican response? That there must be some magical, maniacal skew in the numbers, and the skew must be a conscious effort by a scheming, elite media to dampen Republican enthusiasm.

There may be an oversampling of Democrats in some polls, but this is by no means universally true. And the fact that Obama has a growing lead when the polls are taken in aggregate is undeniable.

This is just an extension of the Republican war on facts. If you find a truth disagreeable, simple deny it. Call it corrupt. Suggest that it is little more than one side of a story – an opinionated, biased one – and insist that there is another explanation. The base will buy it.

Let's just call this Operation Ostrich.

The real problem that has caused this very real turn in the polls has another name: Willard Mitt Romney.

It is, in part, because of his convention that didn't congeal and, in part, because of his own missteps and misstatements, the most devastating of which was the secretly recorded tape of him dismissing 47 percent of the population: "I'll never convince them that they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."

Mother Jones magazine on Thursday posted a new video of Romney from 1985. In this one, he said that Bain Capital's mission was to "invest in startup companies and ongoing companies, then to take an active hand in managing them and, hopefully, five to eight years later, to harvest them at a significant profit." And what about the people who might lose jobs in the process?

Seriously, Mother Jones is dropping these Romney secret recordings with the frequency of hip-hop mix tapes.

And the Obama campaign is receiving them like manna from heaven. It is using Romney's own words in ads to brutal effect. This further calcifies Romney's image as callous, incompetent

and reckless. He is his own worst enemy.

This all makes the coming debates, especially the first one next week, make-or-break moments for Romney.

Debates are largely stagecraft and tests of temperament as well as articulation: How does a candidate perform under pressure, and how do the candidates compare with each other.

That being the purpose, both campaigns are working overtime to lower expectations of their candidates and raise those of their opponent.

In a memo released Friday, David Axelrod, an Obama adviser, said, "Just as he was in the primaries, we expect Mitt Romney to be a prepared, disciplined and aggressive debater."

But, as is its wont, the Romney campaign overdid it. It released a memo Thursday hailing Obama as "a universally acclaimed public speaker" with "natural gifts and extensive seasoning" who "is widely regarded as one of the most talented political communicators in modern history."

All the calibrating of expectations aside, something dramatic must happen in the debates, or over the next few weeks, to alter the course of the race, and it must satisfy three criteria: It must be major, new and digestible. It can't be subtle policy difference. It can't be a rehash of known negative. And it can't be ambiguous.

If you are a die-hard partisan, your support is unlikely to change. For instance, if you believe in the sovereignty of a person's body – to make individual health care choices and have freedom in love and marriage – nothing would likely make you vote Republican. Conversely, if you believe that life begins at inception and every abortion is the murder of an innocent defenseless child, it is hard for you to vote Democratic.

But if you are one of the people in the mushy middle, one of the undecided or switchable, you need a clear mind-changer or confidence-builder.

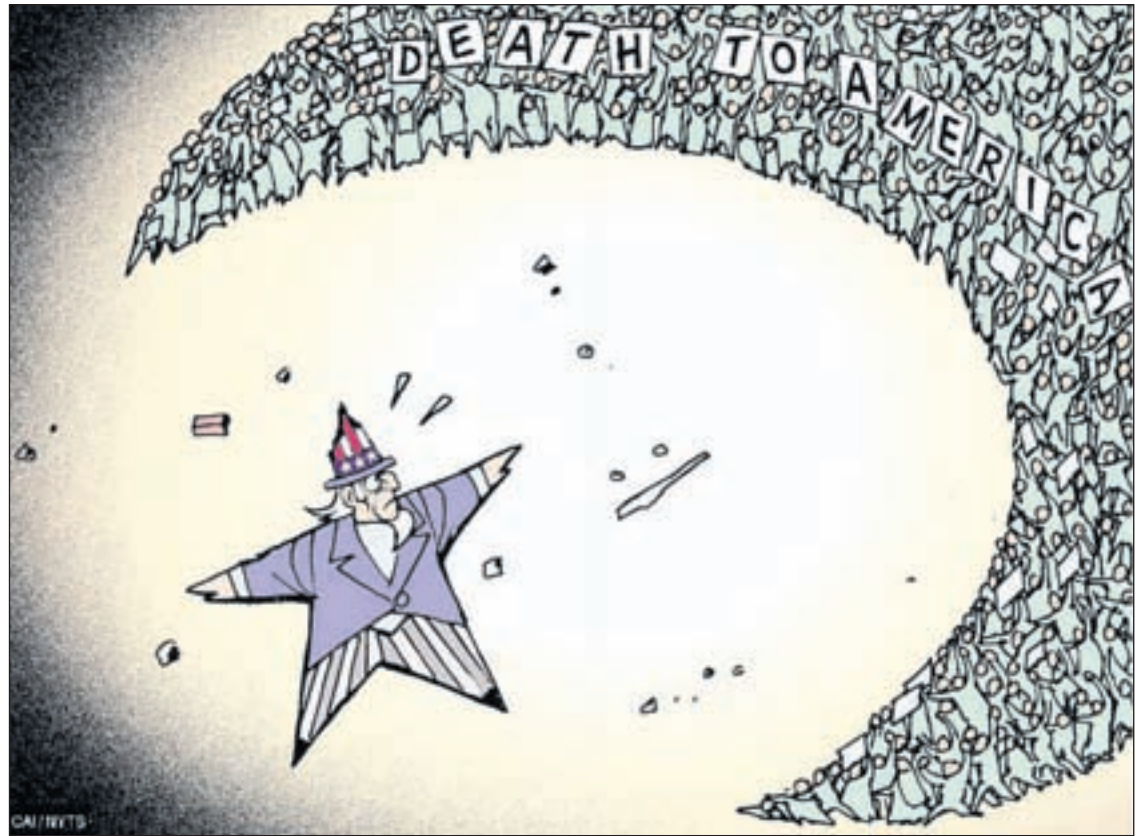
I don't think Romney can deliver this. He's a profoundly clumsy campaigner. A Politico article on Friday about Romney's problems contained this damning quote:

"Lousy candidate; highly qualified to be president," said a top Romney official. "The candidate suit fits him unnaturally. He is naturally an executive."

In fact, the more Romney talks, the more damage he does to himself. Romney's only hope is that Obama slips up, makes a gaffe or some never-before known fact emerges that speaks negatively of the president's character.

All things are possible, but that scenario is becoming increasingly unlikely.

If Obama doesn't slip up, the next 40 days or so will be one long, dark night for Mitt Romney. □



## Obama's New Normal



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Last winter, I had lunch with a junior White House official who works on economic issues. The unemployment rate had just dipped to 8.3 percent, and I asked if he was encouraged by the figure, and hopeful that it might be down another point by Election Day.

He shook his head. The positive news notwithstanding, he said, there were good reasons to think that we would still be staring at 8 percent unemployment in the fall of 2012.

"Well," I told him, with all the authority a professional pundit can muster, "then you should assume that you're going to lose the election."

Today, just as he predicted, the unemployment rate is 8.1 percent. The year's second-quarter growth rate was just downgraded to an anemic 1.3 percent, real household income dipped in the month leading up to the two political conventions, and the American Enterprise Institute's James Pethokoukis suggests that 2012 might turn out to be the worst not-technically-in-a-recession year in modern U.S. history.

But President Barack Obama would win if the election were held today, and probably by a relatively comfortable margin. My wintertime prediction, Mitt Romney's campaign strategy, the assumptions of Republicans and Democrats alike – all have been confounded by voters' refusal to lean the way the unemployment rate suggests they should.

Why is this? In part, it's the hangover from the Bush years, and the fact that Americans don't yet trust the Republican Party given how little the party seems to have learned and changed since 2008. In part, it's Romney himself, a deeply flawed candidate whose "47 percent" remarks look like the rare disastrous sound-bite that actually turns the polls against the candidate who uttered it.

But something deeper is going on as well. Remember that the economy is growing, however slowly, and most working-age Americans do have jobs. (A Bureau of Labor Statistics reassessment just found that there are now – finally – more Americans employed than when Obama took office.) It turns out that dreadfully slow growth isn't nearly as politically damaging as decline, because voters can adapt to stagnation, and approach it as a kind of grim "new normal" rather than a disaster requiring an immediate response. Over the last two years, then, what still felt like an economic crisis during the 2010 midterms has become a grim-but-bearable status quo. In this new normal, Ronald Brownstein reports in the National Journal, "a slim majority of Americans now say they define getting ahead as not falling behind – not losing ground or falling into debt – rather than the more traditional definition of enjoying steady increases in pay and income."

It's voters like these who are giving Obama his cushion. The president trails among people who report themselves worse off than four years ago. But he leads comfortably among Americans who are merely treading water. These signs of resignation are good news for the White House, but they're bad news for the country's future. Even if a rich nation like ours can learn to live with 8 percent unemployment and slow growth for now, the

costs of persistent joblessness and sustained stagnation could be devastating in the long run.

As Don Peck pointed out in his 2011 book "Pinched," an analysis of the Great Recession's likely consequences, the socioeconomic scars left by a period of mass unemployment get deeper the longer that period persists. Young people put off life decisions, delaying education, marriage, childbearing. Older people drop out of the workforce permanently. Families are strained and split apart; people lose crucial years of saving and asset building; dependency on government assistance becomes a way of life. And a culture of fearfulness takes hold, discouraging risk-taking and entrepreneurship even when better times return.

Meanwhile, every year with sub-par growth makes our government's existing liabilities larger, and the fiscal adjustments the country is facing that much more difficult to make. All of these problems will gradually intertwine, as they already do in Western Europe. Today's stagnation means that Americans a generation hence will face bigger-than-expected deficits, even as today's recession-dampened birthrate means there will be fewer younger workers to help pay them down. This grim prospect doesn't necessarily make the case for electing Romney in Obama's place. Indeed, Romney's dismissal of the government-dependent 47 percent suggests a fatal misunderstanding of what should be his mission – namely, to persuade precisely those Americans clinging, understandably, to government programs in tough times to choose the risks of further change over the temporary security of stasis. But the costs of stagnation definitely make the case against the kind of resignation we're now seeing in the electorate. □



# Chanel's show for bright young things

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**PARIS (AP)** — "Don't take things too seriously," said Karl Lagerfeld standing next to a towering wind turbine inside Paris' Grand Palais, "especially not fashion." This healthy mantra infiltrated Tuesday's Chanel show — a bright, fun and diverse collection brimming with great new ideas. Silver bauble appliques became buttons, A-line skirts were playfully short, colorful checks contrasted funkily with geometric flashes, and feather fringing billowed exuberantly.

One model in a crossing "C" swimsuit even carried a three-foot (nearly 1 meter) handbag.

The fact the show had nothing whatsoever to do with the several eco-turbines constructed for the event — no doubt at a huge cost to the environment — didn't seem to matter.

Instead, fashion insiders were busy concentrating on the myriad 81 looks — which made this spring-summer collection possibly the longest Chanel show in history.

A bold new fashion idea



Models wear creations for Chanel's ready to wear Spring-Summer 2013 collection, presented in Paris, Tuesday, Oct.2, 2012.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

was the reworked bolero jacket with curved shoulders, often spruced up with inflated arms.

The wide T-shaped bolero silhouette spread onto sweaters and inspired many of the show's best looks. Naturally, many of the brighter ensembles

stood out, too. Bright pink and blue felted oversized sweaters were accessorized to kitsch effect with huge pale or silver pearl necklace clusters.

There was a highly accomplished delivery of color palette also, which lifted one checked red-and-

white A-line dress, with the top part sliced off.

It paired beautifully with a

contrasting, yet complementary loose blue and red coat. □

## Beauty on the Beach

*Silvia Arienti*

Visiting from Milan, Italy, this is Silvia's first time in Aruba. She is with her husband on their honeymoon, and they are staying at Holiday Inn Beach Resort. She loves the Aruba Beaches and the Friendliness of the local people.

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A model wears a creation by German fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel's ready to wear Spring-Summer 2013 collection, presented in Paris, Tuesday, Oct.2, 2012.

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